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Dual Bombings Add to Iraqis' Toll

SHAKEN: A woman reacts near the site of a bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday. Two suicide blasts — one in Baghdad and the other in Diyala province — left 78 dead in Iraq's bloodiest day this year. Meanwhile, The Associated Press reported that 87,215 Iraqi civilians have been killed since the war began in 2005. ♦ **Strike back:** Iraqis arrest top al-Qaeda official | **Page 8**

Genome Of Cow Mapped

Scientists unlock the DNA of livestock animal for first time

The genomes of man and dog have been joined in the scientific barnyard by the genome of the cow, an animal that walked beside them on the march to modern civilization.

A team of hundreds of scientists working in more than a dozen countries Thursday published the entire DNA message — the genome — of an 8-year-old female Hereford living at an experimental farm in Montana.

Hidden in her roughly 22,000 genes are hints of how natural selection sculpted the bovine body and personality over the last 60 million years, and how man greatly enhanced the job over the last 10,000.

Although sheep and goats were domesticated earlier, cattle are the most important herd animals in the world. There are about 800 distinct breeds, and together they contribute to the nutrition or income of about 6.6 billion people. The cow genome is the first of a livestock animal to be sequenced. It is part of the effort to read and analyze the DNA of organisms of scientific, medical or economic importance to human beings.

DAVID BROWN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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ARMS

Man Takes Verb 'Crusade' Literally Again

Authorities said a motel guest in Panama City Beach, Fla., tried to scare off deputies with a medieval battle ax, a knife and a long sword. Police responded Tuesday to a complaint that a guest was acting strange. When a deputy stepped out of his patrol car, a man threw a battle ax and then a 6-inch knife through the window of his room. He then pulled out a broad sword and locked himself in the bathroom. (AP)

DATING

He Just Wasn't That Into Federal Mail Tamperers

A Pittsburgh postal worker faces up to 10 years in prison if she's convicted of stealing two items from the mail: \$25 from a greeting card, and a book on a woman's perspective of breaking up with men. The book she allegedly stole from a package is called "It's Called a Breakup Because It's Broken." (AP)



MAYA HITLJAP

TRANSPORTATION

Track to The Future

The train "Expedition Future" set off from Berlin Thursday on a journey that will cover 62 German cities and seven months. The mobile science exhibition "has the aim of showing that science and research have always been and will remain the basis for prosperity, innovation and democracy," said a press release. "It is especially designed to stimulate pupils' interest in research, which offers them a wide range of different prospects for the future and confronts them with the fascinating challenge of preparing the ground for the world of tomorrow." (EXPRESS)



EXPECTATION MANAGEMENT


Guy, Yes. Stunt, Yes. Wacky, No.

Cameron Brady of Saginaw, Mich., who calls himself "Wacky Stunt Guy," wants to raise as much as \$25,000 for various charities while spending 18 hours aboard the Serpent roller coaster at Kokomo's Family Fun Center in Saginaw County's Kochville Township, about 88 miles northwest of Detroit. Each ride lasts about two minutes, and Brady could complete as many as 250 laps. He expects to complete about 15 laps every hour. (AP)

STUDIES SHOW

Crimes Committed by the Pregnant More Interesting

Fayetteville, N.C., police are looking for a pregnant woman they say tried to rob a bank at gunpoint. Authorities said the woman had a handgun and demanded money when she entered the bank Tuesday. But her cell phone rang and she began talking to the caller. The woman left the bank without taking any money. No one was hurt. (AP)



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CDC Finds 7 Cases of Swine Flu

Agency says mystery virus can be treated, not a cause for alarm

ATLANTA | A unique type of swine flu has been diagnosed in seven people in California and Texas, up from the two reported earlier this week, U.S. health officials said Thursday.

Health officials said it's not a cause for public alarm: The five in California and two in Texas have all recovered, and testing indicates some mainstream antiviral medications seem to work against the virus.

Still, it is a growing medical mystery. None of the seven people was in contact with pigs, which is how people usually catch swine flu, and only a few were in contact with each other. Dr. Anne Schuchat of the CDC said officials think it can spread from human to human, which is unusual for a swine flu virus.

The virus may be something completely new, or it may have been around for a while but was detected now only because of improved lab testing and disease surveillance, CDC officials said. (AP)

Poll: President Gets High Marks

For first time in years, Americans say U.S. is on the right track

WASHINGTON | Millions of people jobless. Billions of dollars in bailouts. Trillions of dollars in U.S. debt. And yet, for the first time in years, more Americans than not say the country is on the right track.

In a sign that Barack Obama has inspired hopes for a brighter future in the first 100 days of his presidency, an Associated Press-GfK poll shows that 48 percent of Americans think the United States is headed in the right direction — compared with 44 percent who disagree.

The "right direction" number is up eight points since February and a remarkable 31 points since October.

Intensely worried about their personal finances and medical expenses, Americans nonetheless appear realistic about the time Obama might need to turn things around, according to the AP-GfK poll. It shows, as Obama



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

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of people in a new Associated Press-GfK poll thought that the United States is headed in the right direction.

approaches his 100th day in office on Wednesday, most people consider their new president to be a

strong, ethical and empathetic leader who is working to change Washington.

"He presents a very positive outlook," said Cheryl Wetherington, 35, an independent voter in Gardner, Kan. "He's very well-spoken and very vocal about what direction should be taken."

SURVEY SAYS

Other findings from the Associated Press-GfK survey:

→ While there is evidence that people feel more optimistic about the economy, 65 percent said it's difficult for them and their families to get ahead.

→ More than 90 percent of Americans consider the economy an important issue, the highest ever in AP polling.

→ Nearly 80 percent think the rising federal debt will hurt future generations.

Nobody knows how long the honeymoon will last, but Obama has clearly transformed the yes-we-can spirit of his candidacy into a tool of governance. His ability to inspire confidence has thus far buffered him against the harsh realities of two wars, a global economic meltdown and countless domestic challenges.

Even if they don't always like what he's doing, Americans seem content for now that the president is taking action to correct the nation's course. (AP)



FIRST DOG Bo Affirms His Puppiness First dog Bo is a "kind of crazy" puppy who likes to chew on people's feet, first lady Michelle Obama told children visiting the White House Thursday. "Everybody was asleep, and we hear all this barking and jumping around," she said. "The president and I came out, and we thought somebody was out there. And it was just Bo. He was playing with his ball. And it was like there was another person in the house." The dog was a gift to Obama daughters Malia and Sasha. (AP)

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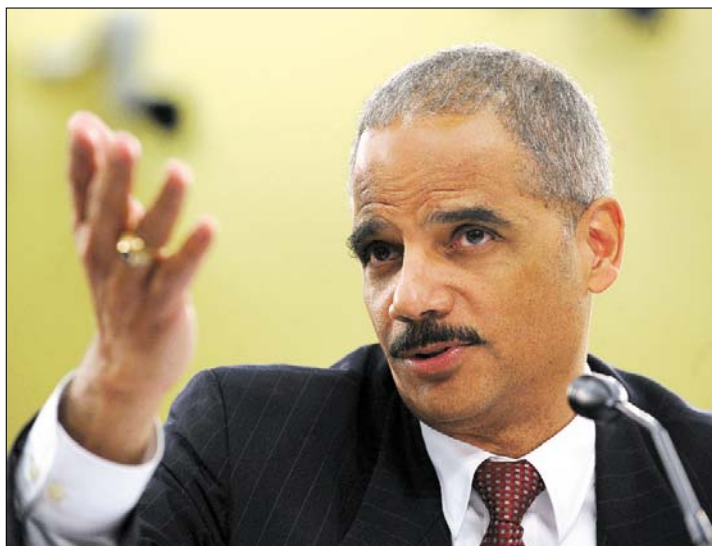
AG signals he's likely to release more docs about interrogations

WASHINGTON | Attorney General Eric Holder told Congress on Thursday he won't play "hide-and-seek" with secret memos about harsh interrogations of terror suspects and their effectiveness.

In testimony before the House Appropriations Committee, Holder said he's willing to release as much information as possible about the interrogations.

Several members of the committee pressed him about the Justice Department's release last week of four long-secret legal memos detailing the harsh techniques used on some detainees during the Bush administration.

"It is certainly the intention of this administration not to play hide-



Attorney General Eric Holder told Congress Thursday he won't play "hide-and-seek" with secret memos about the harsh interrogations of terrorism suspects.

and-seek, or not to release certain things," said Holder. "It is not our intention to try to advance a political agenda or to try to hide things

from the American people."

Republicans — including former vice president Dick Cheney — have urged the Obama admin-

“It is not our intention to try to advance a political agenda or ... hide things from the American people.”

— ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER

istration to release other, still-secret documents detailing what intelligence was gained from the controversial interrogation techniques.

"I think you have an obligation to release the rest of the memos," said Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va.

Holder said he wasn't sure exactly which memos Cheney is referring to, because he hasn't seen them. The attorney general suggested such classified documents may exist at other agencies. (AP)

Source: Freddie Exec Was Told To Take a Break

VIENNA, VA. | Freddie Mac's acting chief financial officer had met with the troubled mortgage



Kellermann

giant's human resources office and had been making plans to take time off only a day before authorities found him dead in an

apparent suicide, a person close to the company said Thursday.

A human resources official met with David Kellermann on Tuesday and told him he needed a break because he had been working hard, said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. Kellermann, 41, was found dead Wednesday in the basement of his home in Vienna, Va. (AP)



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Pharmacy Messed Up Horse Drug

Animals that died at event given wrong dose of ingredient

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. | An official at a Florida pharmacy said Thursday the business incorrectly prepared a supplement given to 21 polo horses that died over the weekend while preparing to play in a championship match.

Jennifer Beckett of Franck's Pharmacy in Ocala, Fla., told The Associated Press in a statement that the business conducted an internal investigation that found "the strength of an ingredient in the medication was incorrect."



Horses are seen at the Lechuza Caracas Polo and Equestrian stables in Wellington, Fla., on Monday. Twenty-one of Lechuza's polo horses died over the weekend.

The statement did not say what the ingredient was.

Beckett, who's the pharmacy's

chief operating officer, said the pharmacy is cooperating with an investigation by state authorities

and the Food and Drug Administration.

The horses from the Venezuelan-owned Lechuza polo team began crumpling to the ground shortly before Sunday's U.S. Open match was supposed to begin, shocking a crowd of well-heeled spectators at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington.

"On an order from a veterinarian, Franck's Pharmacy prepared medication that was used to treat the 21 horses on the Lechuza Polo team," Beckett said. "As soon as we learned of the tragic incident, we conducted an internal investigation." BRIAN SKOLOFF (AP)

Blagojevich Will Promote Reality TV Show in L.A.

CHICAGO | Ex-Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich will "promote" a reality TV show even though a judge has refused to let him travel to Costa Rica to appear on the program.

During an interview Thursday on NBC's "Today" show, Blagojevich said he's heading to Los Angeles, where he might play some role in the program. A statement from his publicist, Glenn Selig, said Blagojevich will "promote" the show and plans to attend a Friday press event on behalf of NBC. Blagojevich also said he's pursuing other career opportunities. (AP)

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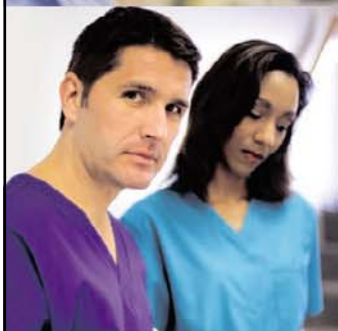
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World

In Brief

LUDLOW, ENGLAND

Reputed Hitler Artwork Sells at Auction for \$143K

What a British auction house claims are paintings and sketches by a young Adolf Hitler sold at auction Thursday for \$143,358. Among the 15 pictures is a portrait of a figure dressed in brown peering into wine-colored waters. Dated 1910 with a signature that reads "A. Hitler," the portrait itself sold for about \$14,600. Buyer John Ratledge, 46, said he planned to hang it at home or in his office. (AP)



Somali pirates appear at a court hearing in Mombasa, Kenya, on Thursday.

MOMBASA, KENYA

18 Somali Pirates Crowd Kenyan Court for Hearing

Shabbily dressed and solemn, 18 Somali men nabbed at sea and hauled ashore by European navies crowded into a Mombasa courthouse Thursday to face piracy charges that could put them behind bars for life. Magistrate Catherine Mwangi adjourned one case involving 11 of the pirates until a bail hearing May 27. They will remain in a Mombasa jail until then. (AP)

ROME

Italy Seeks to Move G-8 Summit to Quake-Hit Town

Italy's government wants to move this summer's Group of Eight summit from Sardinia to earthquake-stricken L'Aquila — both to save money and to give the devastated central region an economic boost. Premier Silvio Berlusconi said Thursday that the cost of holding the July 8-10 summit in Sardinia — \$285 million — would be better spent on reconstruction efforts in Italy's Abruzzo region. (AP)



The helmet of an Iraqi police officer hangs on a pole as U.S. soldiers inspect the scene of a suicide blast in Baghdad Thursday.

Blasts Kill Scores in Iraq

78 die in 2 bombings on most violent day in more than a year

BAGHDAD | Suicide bomb blasts tore through crowds waiting for food aid in central Baghdad and inside a roadside restaurant filled with Iranian pilgrims Thursday, killing at least 78 people in Iraq's deadliest

day in more than a year.

The toll — at least 31 dead in Baghdad and 47 to the north in Diyala province — follows a series of high-profile attacks this month blamed on Sunni insurgents. The violence highlights potential security gaps as Iraqi forces increasingly take the lead role from U.S. forces in protecting Baghdad and key areas around the capital.

The insurgent push is still nowhere near the scale of violence in past years, but it has undermined confidence that Iraq's security gains were on solid footing.

Iraqi authorities, meanwhile, say they have struck back at the heart of the insurgency: claiming they arrested one of the most wanted leaders of a militant network linked to al-Qaeda. The reported

87,215

Iraqi citizens have been killed in violence ranging from catastrophic bombings to execution-style slayings since 2005, according to closely guarded Iraqi government statistics obtained by The Associated Press.

At least 110K

Iraqis have died in violence since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, the AP said, basing the figure on the Iraqi government tally, hospital sources and news reports since the start of the war.

0.38%

of Iraq's population of 29 million is represented by the deaths. Proportionally, that would be like the U.S. losing 1.2 million to violence in four years.

capture of Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, the head of the Islamic State of Iraq, could mark a setback for insurgents as they try to intensify attacks after a relative lull.

In the past, however, Iraqi officials have reported al-Baghdadi's arrest or killing, only to acknowledge later that they were wrong.

The U.S. military could not confirm the arrest, said a spokesman, 1st Lt. John A. Brimley. BRIAN MURPHY (AP)

Zuma, Supporters Celebrate Win

ANC leader claims majority of votes in South Africa's election

JOHANNESBURG | South Africa's governing party set off fireworks and popped fizzy bottles of champagne Thursday as ballots were counted in the country's latest election. ANC chief Jacob Zuma said he was only thanking campaign workers — but the celebration left little doubt about his ascension to



Jacob Zuma speaks at the ANC headquarters in Johannesburg Thursday.

the presidency.

Zuma reminded several thousand supporters gathered outside

With the all-but-official victory, Zuma takes on a heavy responsibility.

his party's downtown Johannesburg headquarters that the tally was still going on — a point that hardly affected the party mood.

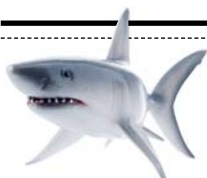
But he noted with relish that skeptics who had claimed his African National Congress party

wouldn't get 60 percent of the parliamentary vote now "are saying 70."

With the all-but-official victory, Zuma takes on a heavy responsibility — meeting expectations for change among South Africa's poor black majority. But that was for another day. An ebullient Zuma drew wild cheers as he leapt high with one troupe of dancers and boogied with another with an energy that belied his 67 years.

The ANC views Zuma as the first leader who can energize voters since Nelson Mandela.

DONNA BRYSON (AP)



THREATS Dump the Shark Reporters at an Australian newspaper were stumped when a live shark was left on their doorstep Wednesday. Police said the 2-foot creature was spotted by a man who was leaving a McDonald's restaurant next door to the offices of the Standard in the small town of Warrnambool. When police arrived, the animal — believed to be a relatively harmless Port Jackson shark — was still breathing, so officers released it back into the ocean. Newspaper staffers say they have no idea why the shark was left for them.

World



MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/AP

Flames rise from a NATO tanker truck terminal after an alleged attack by militants in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Thursday.

Pakistani Deal Stirs Doubt

Gunmen attack force in Taliban-infiltrated district near capital

ISLAMABAD | Gunmen attacked a Pakistani paramilitary force sent to a Taliban-infiltrated district just 60 miles from the capital Thursday, killing a police officer and feeding growing doubts about the government's peace deal with extremists in the area.

A meeting between Taliban representatives and tribal elders ended with the militants' making

some concessions but no pledge to withdraw from Buner, where they have established bases since crossing over from their stronghold in the neighboring Swat Valley.

Swat's Taliban appear to be emboldened after their bloody, two-year campaign in the valley led the government to agree to a peace accord that imposes Islamic law in a wide swath of the northwest bordering Afghanistan.

There were reports Thursday that fighters from the Swat Taliban also have entered another neighboring district, Shangla, said a

security official who agreed to discuss the situation only if not identified because he was not authorized to speak to journalists.

Militants have made no secret of their desire to see Islamic law imposed across the country, and as they edge closer to Islamabad, unease about the peace deal is growing in Pakistan and in the West. The U.S. is especially concerned because it considers stability in Pakistan — and rooting out its militant sanctuaries — critical to success in the Afghan war.

NAHAL TOOSI (AP)

U.N. Sends Experts to Aid Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA | The more than 100,000 civilians pouring out of Sri Lanka's war zone have included people with untreated blast, mine and gunshot wounds — prompting the U.N. chief on Thursday to order experts to assess the "rapidly deteriorating situation."

Doctors Without Borders

warned that civilian casualties are rising in the zone where the military is trying to end a 25-year-old insurgency, while the government pleaded for humanitarian aid.

"I saw infants with dysentery, malnourished children and women ... and people dressed in the ragged clothing they've been wearing for

months," said Neil Buhne, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator, after returning from the northern town of Vauniya, where tens of thousands of people are kept in overcrowded government camps.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he would send in a team of humanitarian experts to "try to do whatever we can to protect the civilian population." (AP)

FUTILITY Ape's Escape Separated from his mother and confronted by a group of angry pregnant females, a bonobo ape didn't hesitate Thursday at a Dutch zoo. Zamba ran through a 23-foot-wide moat surrounding his island at the Apenheul zoo and into an area where dozens of shocked visitors were standing. Zookeepers ushered him safely back into captivity. (AP)



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Money

GM Plans Long Shutdown

Company pares back inventory as demand for vehicles plummets

DETROIT | General Motors Corp. said Thursday it will temporarily close 13 assembly plants in the U.S. and Mexico — some for more than two months — as it tries to pare back its bloated inventory due to slumping sales.

The company said in a statement that the closures will begin in May. Shutdown weeks vary by factory, but some will be closed for nine or 10 weeks.

GM said the shutdowns will help control high dealer inventories and bring production in line with sales. The company plans to cut production by 190,000 vehicles.

The move is a result of slumping sales, but some analysts and dealers fear the plant closings could further scare car buyers already nervous about a GM bankruptcy.

GM workers whose plants are temporarily closed would still get



Lee Henderson directs a panel into a vehicle during assembly at a General Motors factory in Arlington, Texas. GM will temporarily halt its production this summer.

most of their pay, because their United Auto Workers union contract requires the company to make up much of the difference between state unemployment benefits and their wages.

The shutdown could be catastrophic to many auto parts suppliers that already are near bankruptcy due to previous production

cuts. During the shutdown, suppliers couldn't ship parts to GM and would lose critical revenue.

"It's one of those things we've been dreading for a long time," said Jim Gillette, director of financial services at auto-industry consultant CSM Worldwide in Grand Rapids. "It's as bad as its ever been." TOM KRISHER (AP)

Pattern Seen in Mystery Donations

Anonymous person is giving millions to colleges led by women

PHILANTHROPY | It's the question on everyone's lips in philanthropy: Who is the mysterious donor giving away millions of dollars to at least a dozen colleges across the country?

What's so unusual is that not even the colleges themselves know the answer. But the parlor game is afoot, with only one clue: So far, all the colleges are led by women.

Coincidence? Unlikely. With about 23 percent of U.S. college presidents

women, the odds of a dozen randomly selected institutions all having female leaders are 1 in 50 million.

The gifts, ranging from \$1 million to perhaps \$10 million, and totaling up to \$68.5 million so far, have arrived over the past seven weeks in simi-

larly secretive fashion at colleges across the country, including Purdue in Indiana, Montclair State in New Jersey and the University of Southern Mississippi. All were contacted by a law firm or other intermediary and given a highly unusual condition: College officials had to promise not to try to find out the donor's identity.

Michigan State University, which has a woman president, may be the 13th and latest recipient, announcing Thursday that it has been given an anonymous \$10 million. JUSTIN POPE (AP)

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The estimated amount, in millions of dollars, that has been given anonymously to U.S. colleges so far.



TELEVISION BET for Grown-Ups BET, the leading television network tailored for black teens and young adults, will be joined by a new channel aimed at an older black audience. Viacom, which owns BET, says the new channel, called Centric, will serve black viewers in the 25-to-54-year-old range. It will premiere in October with an expected reach of 45 million cable homes. (AP)

Local

Levy Suspect Held in D.C.

Judge finds probable cause to keep charge; hearing set for May

WASHINGTON | Ingmar Guandique made his first court appearance Thursday on a first-degree murder charge stemming from the 2001 killing of Chandra Levy.

Guandique, 27, who is serving a 10-year prison term for attacking two other women, was called before Magistrate Judge J. Dennis Doyle in D.C. Superior Court. The small-framed defendant, wearing an orange jail jumpsuit,

said nothing at the hearing, other than his name.

Guandique stood with a Spanish interpreter and his attorneys, Santha Sonenberg and Maria Hawilo. Doyle, who found there was probable cause to sustain the charge, set a follow-up hearing for May 27.

Based on a police affidavit, authorities are hinging their case on a compilation of statements from victims of Guandique and

from unidentified witnesses who said he admitted to the crime in letters and conversations that explained, often in grisly detail, how he attacked, sexually assaulted and killed Levy in the park.

He said he acted with the help of two accomplices not named in the affidavit.

No new details emerged at the hearing. Afterward, one of Guandique's attorneys, Sonenberg, said prosecutors were basing the case on "made-up claims of self-serving jailhouse informants." KEITH L. ALEXANDER

(THE WASHINGTON POST)



Guandique

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THE BEST WING: Bo the dog isn't the only new White House arrival. On Thursday, robins hatched in a nest near the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room.

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D.C. Reverses Course on Nats Metro Service

In an about-face, a top District official says the city will cover the costs for Metro to extend its hours to accommodate ticket holders at Washington Nationals games that are rain-delayed or go late because of extra innings.

"We want people to have a wonderful time at the games and not be stranded on the way out," Deputy Mayor Neil O. Albert said Thursday. Albert's comments came after D.C. transportation director Gabe Klein informed Metro officials last week that the city would no longer pay the late-service fee because of the city's budget difficulties.

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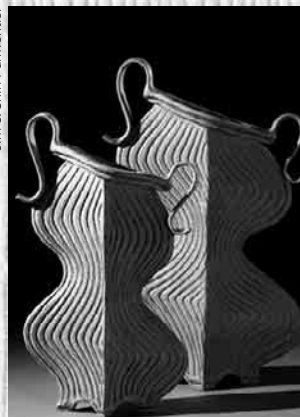
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Mid-day DC 4 **3-6-3-9**
Evening DC 4 (Wed.) **6-6-2-6**
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.) **2-8-19-28-33**
Daily 6 (Wed.) **1-9-10-17-21-31 (7)**
Hot Lotto (Wed.) **10-14-16-19-20 (9)**

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Mid-day Pick 3 **4-5-9**
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) **1-8-2**
Mid-day Pick 4 **1-0-2-0**
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) **1-3-0-3**
Match 5 (Wed.) **15-22-30-38-39 (18)**
Multi-Match (Wed.) **1-7-9-22-33-37**

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Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) **8-7-0**
Mid-day Pick 4 **9-0-9-5**

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) **6-4-5-8**
Mid-day Cash 5 **2-3-13-19-27**
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Mike Green and the Caps are in a do-or-die situation against the Rangers | 20



Mark Sanchez's 16-game college football career ended on a high note — he threw for 413 yards and four touchdowns in USC's 38-24 victory over Penn State in the Rose Bowl.



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Is Mark Worth It?

Despite his strong pedigree, the Redskins could make a big mistake by going with USC's Mark Sanchez.

WHAT HE'LL PROBABLY COST

1st

To grab high for the former USC star, the No. 13 pick will likely have to go.

3rd

Their third-round pick in this year's draft will also go on the chopping block.

1st

Finally, next year's first-round pick would also likely get traded away.

WHY THEY'RE INTERESTED

“Obviously, we were disappointed with some of our late-season games last year. We got close, as everyone knows, we got beaten up in terms of injuries, but that's no excuse.”

— REDSKINS OWNER DAN SNYDER, AT THE DRAFT PREVIEW NEWS CONFERENCE; HE SAYS THEY'RE "POSITIONED WELL TO IMPROVE."

WHAT THEY'D STILL BE MISSING

If the Redskins choose to acquire Sanchez, they may not be able to take care of other holes in their lineup, such as:

→ Who would replace departed and oft-injured linebacker **MARCUS WASHINGTON, RIGHT**, on the weak side?

→ Can a rotation of 36-year-old Phillip Daniels and 34-year-old Renaldo Wynn hold down the left defensive end spot?

→ Can battered 30-something offensive linemen Jon Jansen and Randy Thomas make it through the year without another significant injury?

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



tv lineup



Matthew Stafford and the Lions are reportedly close to completing a deal.

friday

7 P.M. Can the Caps extend their playoff series against the Rangers to Game 6 with a win at home? CSN

7 P.M. The Nats get their first look at the Mets' new ballpark. MASN

7 P.M. The Cleveland Cavaliers can take a 3-0 series lead over the Detroit Pistons, followed by Game 3 of the Portland Trail Blazers-Houston Rockets series. ESPN

8 P.M. The Orlando Magic tries not to blow a late lead in Game 3 of its series with the Philadelphia 76ers. ESPN2

saturday

1 P.M. The Nats and Mets play a matinee in Game 2 of their series. MASN

1 P.M. AND 9 P.M. Games 4 in the Denver Nuggets-New Orleans Hornets series and the L.A. Lakers-Utah Jazz matchup are on. ESPN

4 P.M. The Dallas Mavericks and San Antonio Spurs play in Game 4 of their series, followed by Game 4 of the Atlanta Hawks-Miami Heat series. TNT

4 P.M. The Lions are expected to take quarterback Matthew Stafford with the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. ESPN

sunday

1 P.M. The Nats and Mets conclude their series. MASN

2 P.M. If the Caps win Friday, they'll face the Rangers in Madison Square Garden in Game 6. CSN

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Despite picking numerous quarterbacks in the draft in the last decade, the position hasn't been stable since Mark Rypien in the early 1990s.

FIRST-ROUND FRUSTRATIONS:

First-rounder Patrick Ramsey (2002) made only 24 starts over four seasons, and **JASON CAMPBELL, RIGHT**, (2005) just completed his first full season as the starter. While Campbell had a solid first half, the Redskins' 8-8 finish has them wary about the future.



BACKUP FLOPS:

Lower-round selections Todd Husak (2000), Sage Rosenfels (2001), Gibran Hamdan (2003) and Jordan Palmer (2007) failed to establish themselves even as backups. **COLT BRENNAN, RIGHT**, (2008) spent his first season playing third string after a stellar preseason.



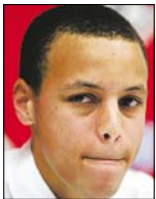
7 The number of quarterbacks the Redskins have drafted since Dan Snyder became owner in 1999.

NBA Spirit Soars The Hawks' real-life mascot got a little flying time during the playoffs. "Spirit," a hawk that flies down from the rafters during the pregame introductions, decided to hang around for the start of Game 2 against the Miami Heat Wednesday. The bird was perched atop the scoreboard at tip-off, refusing to go to his handler. Then he swooped around the arena while the game was going on before he settled on the top of a basket. The game was halted with 8:28 left in the first quarter until the handler arrived. (AP)



In Brief

NBA DRAFT
Curry Shoots for Pros
Davidson guard Stephen Curry will skip his senior season and take his sweet shooting stroke to the NBA. After weeks of struggling to decide, the nation's leading scorer announced Thursday that he'll enter the NBA draft, where he could be a lottery pick. (AP)



Curry

TERPS MEN'S HOOPS
Vasquez Declares for Draft
Maryland guard Greivis Vasquez will enter his name in the NBA draft, but because he has not hired an agent could return for his senior year with the Terrapins. The 6-foot-6 Vasquez averaged 17.5 points, 5.4 rebounds and 5.0 assists per game for the Terps this season and served as the team's emotional leader. Maryland reached the NCAA tournament and won its first-round game against California. (AP)



BIG CATCH: Tight end Tony Gonzalez was traded to the Atlanta Falcons from the Kansas City Chiefs on Thursday for a second-round pick in next year's draft.

Green's Going Gets Tough

Capitals defenseman honored as he tries to snap playoff slump

CAPITALS | Washington Capitals defenseman Mike Green — with a red mohawk coming out the back of his helmet — skated hard down the ice and effortlessly shuffled a puck through his legs, lifting it over the outstretched hands of a waiting goalie and into the net all in one motion.

The only problem with this scene is that it took place Thursday at Kettler Capitals Iceplex in



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an optional practice. And the net-minder was injured Brent Johnson. If only life for Green and his Capitals were that simple dealing with a 3-1 deficit in their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series with Henrik Lundqvist and the New York Rangers.

While much of the talk heading into Friday's do-or-die Game 5 at Verizon Center revolved around the similarities between the hole the Caps have dug them-



BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Capitals defenseman Mike Green was named a finalist for the Norris Trophy on Thursday. But his mind is on helping the Capitals stay alive in the NHL playoffs.

selves and the 3-1 deficit they almost climbed out of last year in losing to Philadelphia in seven games, the real story line was Green.

On a day when the NHL announced the third-year blueliner was one of three finalists for the Norris Trophy, awarded annually to the league's top defenseman, it

was Green who was the lone Capital star to take the ice for practice and later admit his play had not been satisfactory through four playoff games.

"I haven't felt up to par," said Green, who shook off suggestions he was under the weather or injured. "I can definitely step up my game, and as a team, if one

"I haven't felt up to par. I can definitely step up my game, and as a team, if one guy isn't going, it's hard for the rest of the team."

—CAPITALS DEFENSEMAN MIKE GREEN, ON HIS RECENT WEAK PLAY

guy isn't going, it's hard for the rest of the team."

Aside from notching two secondary assists in Game 1, Green has been noticeably absent the rest of the series with a plus/minus rating of -3, which prompted coach Bruce Boudreau to suggest before Game 4 that Green was trying too hard to make spectacular plays. It has been a not-so-fitting end to a historic regular season in which Green set a new record for consecutive games with a goal by a defenseman (eight) and became the first blueliner in 16 years to score 30 goals.

Facing elimination now, Green thinks he has turned the postseason corner. "[I'm] finally getting my mind back and getting the game under control," he said. "Come [Friday], I'll be ready." MARK GIANNOTTO



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Lobbying for Attention

↓ The sunlit, teardrop-shaped lobby of 22 West condominiums conceals a view of a gas station next door while simultaneously giving visitors the sense that they're sitting in a garden.

IT SEEMS NATURAL in a culture where entire HGTV shows are devoted to “Curb Appeal” that even condo owners want a piece of the action. Without a front yard to make a first impression, condo lobbies become both the landscaping and a signal of the value of what’s inside.

A swanky lobby can be a status symbol and a selling point. It can add to a pad’s property value — and its price tag. In the same way your wardrobe can reflect your personality, a grand entrance can make a fashion statement for your home.

“When you put on a nice suit versus a pair of jeans, does it change the way you feel?” asks Eric Inman of Hickok Cole Architects (1023 31st St. NW, Hickokcole.com), which has designed dozens of housing developments in the District, including the Kenyon Square condos in Columbia Heights. “Design is the same way.”

Inside the Beltway, lobbying

22 WEST CONDOMINIUMS 1177 22ND ST. NW

The lobby of 22 West (22west-dc.com) manages to make a sleek, contemporary design feel warm and organic rather than sterile and cold. The soft gray volcanic stone floors blend with zinc panels, which are repeated on the exterior of the building. A 20-foot wall of glass stretches from floor to ceiling to let in natural light and, with an indoor seating area curled up against the dense bamboo landscaping outdoors, the lobby gives visitors the sense that they’re lounging in a garden.

Robert M. Sponseller, design principle of the project for Shalom Baranes Associates (3299 K St. NW, Suite 400; SBaranes.com), used an in-situ concrete wall, a modern approach to landscaping material that resembles a skate park or highway divider, to isolate the teardrop-shaped lobby from



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“We let the natural materials speak for themselves. It was rich enough to make a unique feel.”

—ROBERT M. SPONSELLER,
SHALOM BARANES ASSOCIATES

the traffic and cleverly conceal the gas station next door.

“We let the natural materials speak for themselves,” Sponseller says. “It was rich enough to make a unique feel without decorating.”

In other words, the architecture in this space is also the interior design.

Emily Walsh, a member of the building’s sales team, says the



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strong look has been a draw to buyers at 22 West, where 92 units range in price from \$783,500 to

\$3.9 million. The first residents moved into 22 West a year ago, and the building is currently about

← Robert M. Sponseller won an award from the Residential Architect Design Awards for his cutting-edge work on the 22 West condos.

45 percent occupied.

The contemporary feel of the lobby extends throughout 22 West. Even the elevator lobbies integrate basalt, concrete and zinc panels, with burnt orange rugs that complement the gray.

Design should be consistent from the entry experience on up into individual condo units, says Sponseller, who won the 2009 Grand Award for Multifamily Design from the Residential Architect Design Awards for his work on 22 West. “The lobby is your front door,” Sponseller says.

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PHOTO COURTESY FORMA DESIGN

Eyesore or artwork? A support column in the Barcelona's lobby became its icon.

BARCELONA CONDOMINIUM, 1435 CHAPIN ST. NW

At the 30-unit Barcelona Condominium located between Columbia Heights and Adams Morgan, an unfortunate support column in the middle of the lobby became the building's calling card.

Andreas Charalambous of U Street's FORMA Design (1524 U St. NW, Suite 200; formaonline.com) says the firm turned the steel post into an asset by giving it a free-form shape and covering it in two-tone mosaic tiles. The condo's namesake — the Spanish city of Barcelona — and its signature Gaudi architecture inspired the playful look, Charalambous says.

"We creatively solved the problem," he says. "For guests, it makes the building stand out. It's not another box. You have to take chances to make something worth talking about."

FORMA also cut out a deep rectangle in the wall where the mailboxes nest, which echoes the 3-D, recessed shapes in the ceiling and the curves in the floor tiles. A glass and steel railing is simply placed

alongside 10 steps to the elevator.

Barcelona's lobby does not have a front desk or an amenities bar. The name of the development, which was built in 2006 and sold out a year later, is not plastered across its exterior. It's quite understated

“It's not another box. You have to take chances to make something worth talking about.”

—ANDREAS CHARALAMBOUS,
FORMA DESIGN

and more typical of a District lobby — part mud room, part mail room, part front door. But the geometry of the design adds action and interest. And at night, the whole lobby glows. As guests walk up the steps of the steep hillside on Chapin Street, they see the column towering through the glass door.

"People say that it's so unexpected," Charalambous says. "The entrance has to be fun and memorable."

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Winning Entries

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THE CHASTLETON
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A mile away in Dupont Circle, 3-foot-tall gargoyles hover above the entrance to the Chastleton (Chastletondupont.com), a 1920s hotel converted into a 300-unit cooperative. The \$5 million renovation, completed two and a half years ago, maintained many of its signature historic features.

Inside the lobby, residents walk across the original marble mosaic floors and past an oversized golden Egyptian mirror. A two-story window, flanked by the laughing gargoyles, lights the sleepy interior. The best view is from the second floor, leaning over the cast-iron balcony railings, eye-level with three hang-



The Chastleton's Gothic lobby preserves the former hotel's historic feel.

COURTESY GEORGE TRAVIS, KEENER MANAGEMENT

“Your co-op fee pays for those common elements, so you should enjoy it.”

—BRENDA MORENO,
THE CHASTLETON

ing chandeliers, and looking out across 17th Street. Those who want to linger can lounge in the nooks overlooking the courtyard.

The Chastleton, which is 97 percent sold (remaining units range from a \$189,000 studio to a \$479,000 two-bedroom unit), drew many history-buff buyers, says sales manager Brenda Moreno.

“The lobby is an extension of your home,” Moreno says, “and your co-op fee pays for those common elements, so you should enjoy it.”



Kenyon's lobby was meant to feel more like a boutique hotel than a condo building.

KENYON SQUARE,
1390 KENYON ST. NW

The grand staircase of Kenyon Square's (Kenyonsquare.com) foyer pays homage to older District residences, but guests might mistake the new building's great room for an upscale cocktail lounge. To the left of the entrance, an asymmetrical concrete fireplace offsets dominant red walls. Half-moon benches nestle in window seats, flanked by towering white drapes.

Kenyon Square, which opened in 2007 and was named best mid-rise condominium of 2008 by the National Association of Home Builders, has sold 80 percent of its 153 units. One-bedroom lofts are listed at \$439,000; two-bedroom units cost \$505,000 to \$595,000, depending on square footage and floor plan.

Eric Inman, one of the project designers with Hickok Cole Architects, says the firm wanted Kenyon Square's interior to feel more like a boutique hotel than a condo building. Inman hopes the combination of old design elements with the new construction reflects the revitalization of the Columbia Heights neighbor-

hood outside. “We started to play with the traditional elements and exaggerate them in a modern sense,” Inman says. “We introduced elements that would normally be foreign to the space to make a starker contrast.”

“The space is intended as an extension of your living room. There needs to be a sense of home.”

—ERIC INMAN
HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS

Imagine Pottery Barn meets Mondrian. The coffered ceiling's grid of beams and dark stained wood complement the oculus, a 5-foot-diameter window above the doorway. The same trim frames the flat-screen TVs showing CNN next to the coffee bar where residents pick up bagels in the morning.

“The space is intended as an extension of your living room,” Inman says. “There needs to be a sense of home, a sense of permanence.” JOSIE ROBERTS

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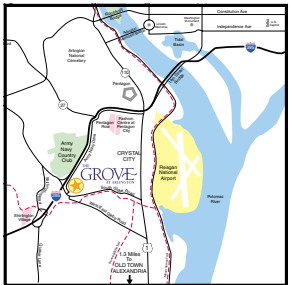


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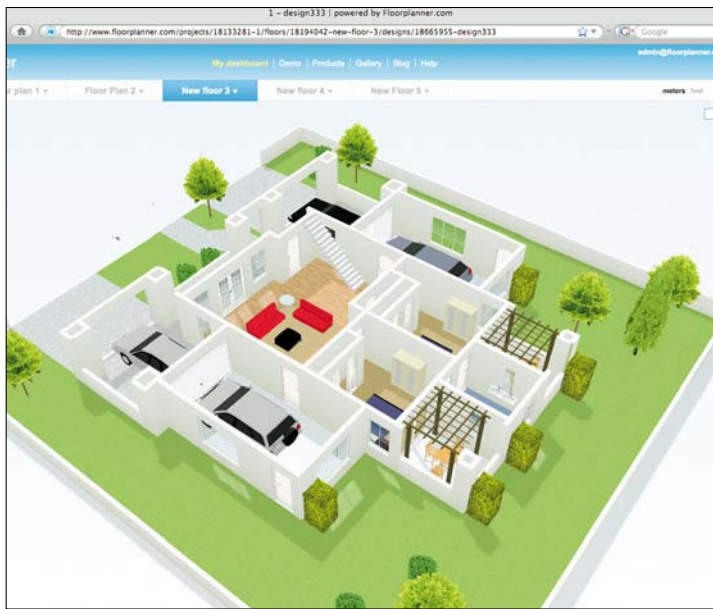
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Best-Laid Floor Plans

Free online interior design software lets homeowners arrange their rooms virtually

Gone are the days of sketching furniture plans on the backs of napkins: A slew of free online interior design programs can now do the heavy lifting and deep thinking for you. With just a few clicks of the mouse, anyone can feng-shui their living room, plan a move or build an addition.

"These software packages are great for homeowners who want to work on furniture layout and rug placement," says Lisa Adams, founder of D.C.-based **ADAMS DESIGN INC.** (3913 49TH ST. NW; 202-333-1220; ADAMSDSIGN.COM). She cautions, however, that the measurements in online design programs aren't always exact, and virtual floor plans often don't account for details such as lighting and electrical wiring. For any work that might require permits,

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Web-produced designs can't compare with blueprints created by professionals, says Adams, who also teaches residential interior design at George Washington University.

The average condo- or townhouse-dweller could certainly find one of these programs useful, though. So, grab your laptop and start dreaming.

FLOORPLANNER (FLOORPLANNER.COM)

Floorplanner's basic program lets you create a blueprint for one house, view plans in three dimensions and share your designs for free.

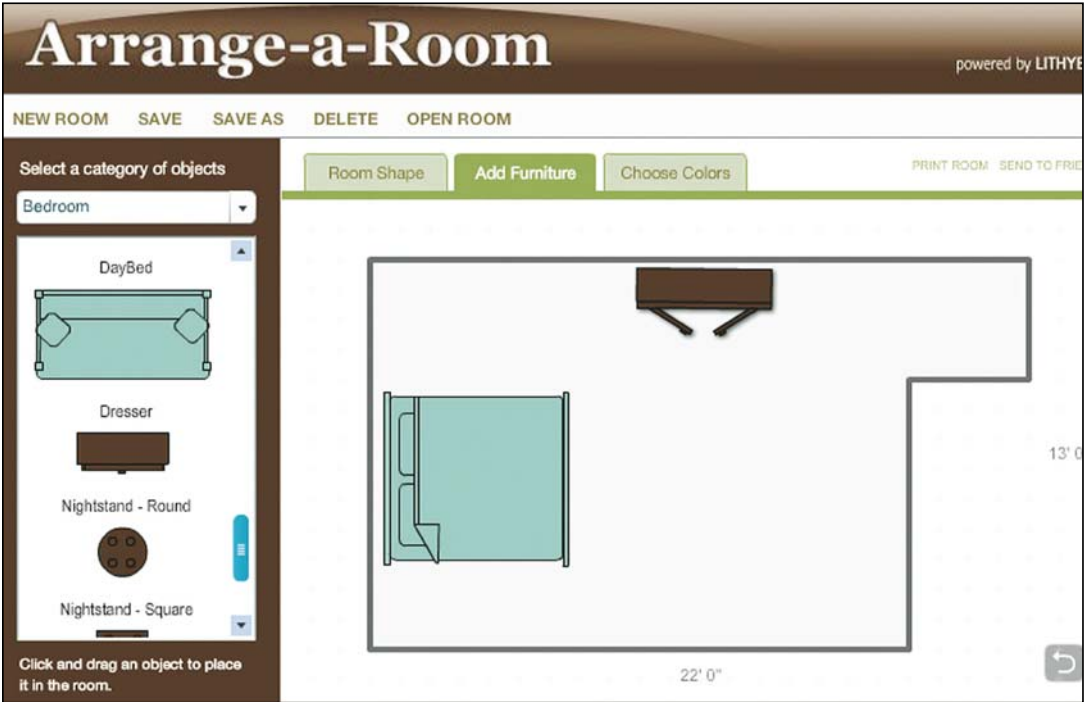
Unlike some other sites, Floror-

The Better Homes and Gardens Arrange-a-Room program lets users fill pre-designed spaces with basic yet customizable furniture items.

planner's sign-up is a breeze, since the program lets you log in with Google, Yahoo! or OpenId usernames. Once in Floorplanner, select "My first project," click on the "draw single wall, line or dimension" feature in the Construction pane, and start creating your space.

Floorplanner's tools are very flexible and easy to use. You can construct rooms line by line and customize floor plans to exact measurements. To plot out an entire apartment or house, simply add adjacent rooms.

The site's "library" of furniture contains plenty of elements — fireplaces, sofas, rugs and more





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BEST FOR: Gung-ho users ready to break out their measuring tapes as soon as they're done with the Web site. Also great for those decorating unusually shaped rooms.

COOLEST FEATURE: While Floorplanner allows you to design in only two dimensions, its 3-D function will reveal a more lifelike model of your floor plan once you're done.

2 BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS ARRANGE-A-ROOM (BHG.COM/DECORATING/ARRANGE-A-ROOM)

The Better Homes and Gardens Arrange-a-Room program lets you select pre-designed layouts to customize by clicking and dragging to reshape rooms.

The process is easy and intuitive, but detail-oriented users will be annoyed that they can't provide their own measurements. Another drawback: The space for designing a room is very small, and though you can draw walls

Little tweaks such as choosing armchair colors help give a full sense of how a finished room might look.

beyond the edges of a room, the program doesn't let you zoom out to see everything.

Unlike other sites, though, Arrange-a-Room allows you to customize furniture and floor colors. Basic items (office, bedroom, living room, etc.) are available to furnish each room. Drag and drop bookcases and dressers onto a floor plan, and adjust the furniture measurements or colors by clicking on the object. Little tweaks such as choosing armchair colors help give a full sense of how a finished room might look.

The program's real downside: Too much sign-up rigmarole, involving repeated requests to purchase Better Homes and Gardens and enter a lot of sweepstakes. By the time that's finished, there's no link back to the Arrange-a-Room page, so you'll need to backtrack to the original page.

BEST FOR: Amateur planners hoping to get a feel for a room's look without the distractions of nitty-

gritty details such as actual measurements.

COOLEST FEATURE: Users can create up to 25 rooms for free — perfect for recessionistas with big dreams.

3 PLANNINGWIZ 3 (VV3.PLANNINGWIZ.COM)

Users of all stripes can build rooms on PlanningWiz 3. Those who want precise blueprints can lay out rooms from scratch by inputting specific dimensions. The less exacting can alter prefab floor plans with the program's wall tool.

Customizations such as changing colors and resizing are not immediately intuitive — it took some clicking around to discover how the tools worked.

Although the learning curve is steep, the program's not impossible to master. Once you get the hang of it, you can delve into the minutiae as much — or as little — as you like.

An extra bonus: PlanningWiz reliably saves customized plans for later.

BEST FOR: Low-tech users with low-tech aspirations, high-tech users with high-tech aspirations, and anybody in between.

COOLEST FEATURE: PlanningWiz provides the easiest wall-editing function of the sites featured here. This might seem like a minor detail, but after playing with Arrange-a-Room, you'll definitely understand.

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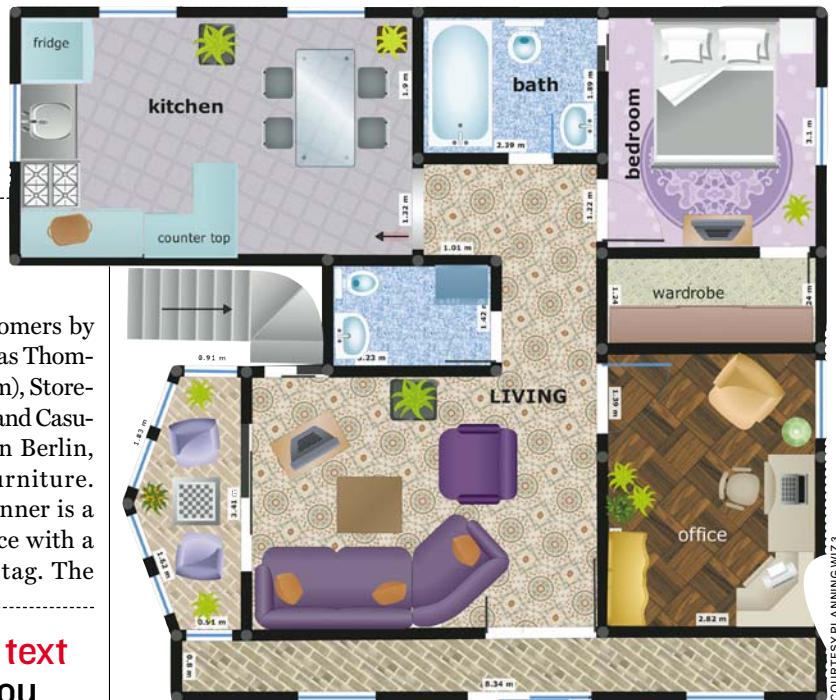
4 ICOVIA SPACE PLANNER (ICOVIA.COM)

Recommended to customers by furniture retailers such as Thomasville (Thomasville.com), Storehouse (Storehouse.com) and Casual Designs Furniture in Berlin, Md. (Casualdesignsfurniture.com), Icovia Space Planner is a professional paid service with a \$29-per-month price tag. The

Icovia offers a text tool that lets you annotate the floor plan — go ahead and label your toilet if you want to.

company offers a full-featured free test drive on its Web site, however, which is well worth a look.

You can begin by choosing a preset plan for anything from a master bathroom to a kids' playroom, or by creating your own plan by drawing walls or entering room dimensions. Preset plans can be easily altered for additional walls or different measurements.



COURTESY PLANNINGWIZ 3

Other sites should take a cue from Icovia's "fit to view" tool, which allows for easy zooming in and out — great for focusing on floor tiles or an ultra bird's-eye view. An extra-cute touch: The master bath layout includes a pair of slippers on a bathmat (since, you know, that's important to factor into your design plan).

BEST FOR: Since it charges for regular use, Icovia isn't a good investment for casual users. Try the free versions at the Thomasville and Storehouse Web sites, instead (even though these lack the colors and details of Icovia's test drive).

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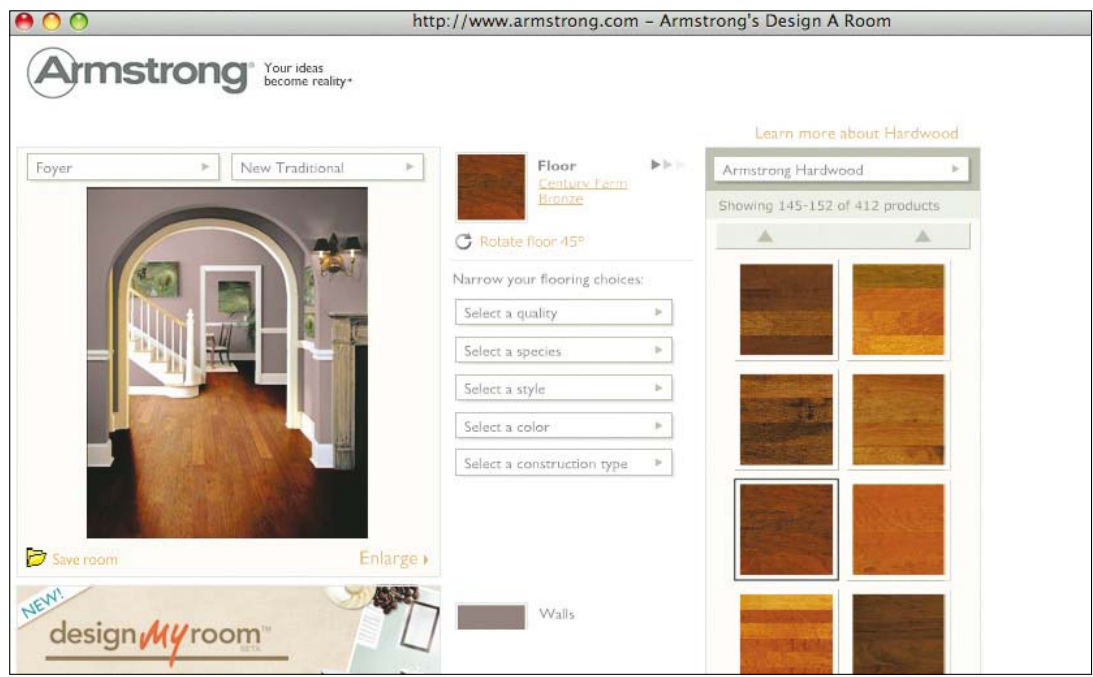
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5 iVILLAGE DESIGN A ROOM
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If you just want to fantasize about color and style, visit iVillage Design a Room.

There's a lot going on here. The first page appears to have so many options that it's hard to know where to start. The real secret is that there are a lot fewer options than it seems.

Begin by choosing a type of room (kitchen, family room, bedroom) and a style. Not sure whether you're "casual country" or "global fusion"? No problem. Click through Design a Room's options to see what looks appealing. But here's the catch: While the site lets



iVillage Design a Room offers limited room designs, but seemingly endless floor and wall color combos — ideal for brainstorming.

you choose cabinetry and counter tops, it doesn't let you choose furnishings or accessories.

What Design a Room provides is umpteen choices for flooring and wall colors. Choose your desired combo, and the site renders an image of the room with your picks.

It's a great way to generate new ideas, even though Design a Room lacks the flexibility that would let you truly make a room your own.

BEST FOR: Users interested in wall and floor colors, and pretty much nothing else.

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS: Many home buyers are demanding that sellers fix any problems they find before closing. Sellers who don't make repairs can lose out on an offer.

Sellers, Get Your Fixes

In a buyer's market, sales often hinge on whether owners have made needed repairs

The broken outdoor spigot was almost a deal-breaker for Kymberly Falkler.

When she and her husband, Jonathan, began house hunting recently, they knew they wanted a residence in move-in condition, and they were willing to walk away from any sellers who balked at their requests for repairs.

Indeed, the three-level townhouse-style condo they saw in Arlington was in good shape. Falkler said she instantly fell in love with its hardwood floors and open, airy design.

However, there was a small sign taped to the outside spigot, explaining that it didn't work.

"We were looking for a town-

house type of house with a backyard and a hose. Without that pipe working, we would have walked away from the home," Falkler said.

Like the Falklers, many of today's would-be home buyers are demanding that sellers fix every problem they find. If they don't, the buyers will walk away. After all, there are plenty of other houses on the market.

It's all made life even more difficult for sellers who are already struggling to attract solid offers.

To repair the spigot, the Arlington sellers — who had lived in the home for five years, during which the outdoor faucet had never worked — would have had to pay a plumber to cut through a wall. It was a costly repair, in the \$3,000 to \$5,000 range.

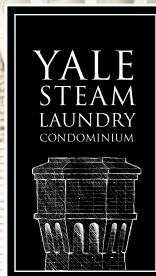
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Fix It or Forget It

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family house in Bethesda. The owner had spent about \$400,000 to update the house: a new kitchen island, new hardwood floors and Italian marble in several spots.

But the craftsmanship was poor, Krell said. The kitchen island had a marble top and, unfortunately, the marble had been set improperly. When house hunters looked at it, they noticed that it was tilting, Krell said. In the same kitchen, the owner had installed one of the most expensive wall ovens that Krell had ever seen. But wires poked out from the side.

“I think the realities of this market are still surprising to some sellers.”

—LINDSAY DREYER,
HOUNSHELL REALTY

“It looked a bit like the job was done halfway,” Krell said.

The owner even neglected to stain and finish his new hardwood floors. Eventually, the traffic through the house wore down and scuffed them. By the time buyers toured the house, the floors looked old and worn.

“The seller was upset with the reaction from the buyers,” Krell said. “Everyone said they’d have to gut the house. He couldn’t believe it. He said he put \$400,000 into the house, so why would anyone have to gut it? Buyers today, though, especially in Bethesda, are looking for high-end craftsmanship. It’s what they expect.”

The seller eventually pulled the listing, and he plans to put the house up for sale again when the market stabilizes, Krell said. The seller is also committed to spending even more money to repair all the problems before listing the home again, Krell added.

“At the height of our market, sellers were able to put on some new paint and get four times what they put into their house,” Krell said.

← **FINISHING TOUCHES:** Real estate agents say quick sales are still possible but that sellers should repair any potential problems before they put their homes on the market.

their homes on the market in "as is" condition or list them for their home-run prices will receive few, if any, offers, Reishman said.

"A home doesn't have to take longer to sell today," Reishman said. "It's just that you used to be able to cut corners and get away with it. Now you can't. You have to do this process properly to have success."

DAN RAFTER (FOR THE WASHINGTON POST)



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"That's changed. Now, you put in new appliances and fresh paint, and it may get you a contract. You probably won't get double your money on your investment anymore."

Adam Field is proof that homeowners can sell their residences quickly, even when faced with picky buyers.

Field last summer sold his townhouse in Montgomery County in just nine days. He credits the money and work he put into the residence before placing it on the market. He had updated the kitchen and the bathroom. He also made sure that the home looked its best, removing as much furniture and clutter as possible.

The selling process wasn't entirely smooth. After a home inspection, the eventual buyers requested that Field replace a non-working exhaust fan in the kitchen. The request seemed like nitpicking to Field. Still, he agreed.

"It was a whole convoluted thing to fix that exhaust fan," Field said. "But today, you have to do those repairs."

It cost nearly \$600 to repair the fan. But that clinched the \$284,000 sale.

Sellers have two options in this buyer's market, said Lindsay Dreyer, an agent with Hounshell Realty in the District: They can commit to making all the necessary repairs that potential buyers request, or they can price their residences low enough that buyers will feel that they're getting a bargain without forcing repairs.

"I think the realities of this market are still surprising to some sellers," Dreyer said. "Most are aware that they are going to have to fix their property. But I think many are still surprised by how much buyers are asking for."

Dreyer recommends that her sellers pay for a home inspection before they put their homes on the market. That way, they can identify any potential problems and

Sellers who put their homes on the market in 'as is' condition will receive few offers.

fix them before demanding buyers even walk in the door.

"The fewer items buyers find, the more comfortable they feel," Dreyer said. "If sellers want a deal to stay together, it's in their best interest to get things repaired ahead of time."

Today's market offers sellers no room for experimenting, said Lindsay Reishman, an agent with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the District.

During the seller's market, homeowners who didn't need to move could put their residences on the market for their dream price. If someone made an offer at or near that price, the sellers were thrilled. If not, they simply took their homes off the market.

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A Dream Finally Realized

Heyward-Bey may be 1st-round pick after flashy Terps career

NFL DRAFT | It was Nov. 11, 2006, when this became more than a pipe dream. On that morning, Darrius Heyward-Bey was a redshirt freshman with potential for the Maryland Terrapins. By that evening, his future had opened wide. Playing against the uber-athletic Miami Hurricanes, Heyward-Bey was the best athlete on the field. His blazing speed unleashed, he ran past Miami defenders for

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touchdown catches of 65 and 96 yards, the latter a school record, in a 14-13 victory.

Now, leaving school after his junior season, the Silver Spring, Md., native has sprinted past hundreds of his contemporaries and is projected by many to be a first-round pick in Saturday's NFL draft.



Darrius Heyward-Bey, a Silver Spring, Md., native, had receptions of more than 30 yards in six games for the Terps last season. He is projected as a first-round pick.

He's the fastest receiver in the draft, clocking in at 4.3 seconds in the 40-yard dash. At 6-foot-1 and 210 pounds, he's also got respectable size. His outburst as a freshman against Miami was no isolated incident — he had receptions of more than 30 yards in six games last season.

"Whenever you have the ability to touch the ball and go for

80, that changes how the defense views things," Maryland offensive coordinator James Franklin said of Heyward-Bey last fall.

Despite an impressive college career, he still very much trades on his potential. He is talented but raw. A high school track star, he spent his three years in College Park on a continuous quest to run more precise, consistent

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routes. After Maryland's season-ending victory in the Humanitarian Bowl, Heyward-Bey made the decision to go pro.

"Darrius has made a tremendous contribution to our program over the last four years," Friedgen told reporters afterward. "We wish him nothing but the best in the NFL." **DEREK TURNER**

DISCUSSIONS

DRAFT TALK

What happens if the Redskins don't land Mark Sanchez but keep Jason Campbell and he has a monster season? Do you think Jason would leave regardless of whether the team tried to keep him?

I think on a certain level, the Redskins fear that, as do other GMs I spoke to about that scenario. Part of the rush to make this change now, whether it be Jay Cutler or Sanchez, is that even if Jason has one good year, is he really suited to this offense? But with a QB, the financial commitment is massive,

Even if Jason [Campbell] has one good year, is he really suited to this offense?

and if you are worried that even in a good season J.C. is a one-hit wonder (like a Derek Anderson), then you're hamstrung.

What are the chances Vinny Cerreto is just bluffing with the whole Sanchez and it is a smoke screen? The owner has been coveting this dude for a long time. It's not a smoke screen. Whether it happens or not, they are investigating every way possible to get him.

How many USC quarterbacks over the last 20 years or so have actually made it in the NFL other than Carson Palmer, if he even made it? I think it's a lousy move considering all the holes the Redskins have to fill.

Far more have failed. Sean Salisbury had a heck of a second career, though. ... Well, at least for a while.

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Jason LaCanfora follows all the news of the burgundy and gold for the Washington Post on his Redskins Insider blog.

For Starters, Nationals Show Improvement

Pitchers overcome early woes in stretch of solid performances

NATIONALS | John Lannan strode purposefully to the mound seven times and calmly back to the dugout seven times.

He threw 95 pitches, allowed five hits but no runs and left the game Wednesday having given the Nationals a chance to win. It's been that way for Lannan and the rest of



Lannan went seven innings and gave up five hits and no runs, but the Nats lost.

the Washington's starting rotation for the last week and a half.

In the team's last eight games,

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the starter has never failed to go at least five innings and never surrendered more than two earned runs. The rotation's 2.22 ERA during the

span is impressive by any measure and even more so considering the starters combined for an 0-5 record and a 10.73 ERA in the season's first six games. "It just shows that we're young and we're pushing each other," Lannan said.

That the Nats won only three of the last eight games is an indictment of the bullpen. It was no different Wednesday. Mike Hinckley walked in the game's only run in the top of the ninth, spoiling Lannan's outing. **DEREK TURNER**



Saunders Set to Move Forward

New head coach says Wiz are talented but need cultural change

WIZARDS | Flip Saunders majored in business administration and marketing at the University of Minnesota. Given all the talk at his first news conference as coach of the Washington Wizards, it's surprising the team didn't go after someone with a medical degree instead.

Saunders and team president Ernie Grunfeld agreed the Wizards' roster is fine more or less the way it is, despite a 19-63 season that matched the worst record over 82 games in franchise history.

Saunders, who signed a four-year, \$18 million contract Tuesday night, called the Wizards' opening



Saunders

“unique.” Not many 19-win teams have enough talent to become instant playoff contenders — medical report pending, of course. “You’ve got very good players that are coming back in the fold that haven’t played. Anytime you win [only] 19 games, you’re going to have a cultural change,” Saunders said. “Somehow you’ve got to put that in your rearview mirror. You learn from it, but then you have to move forward.” JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



United's Jaime Moreno hears the home crowd cheer for his goal in a game last August. Moreno is MLS' all-time leading goal-scorer and has 100 career assists.

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Magic Moreno Still Holding On

United vet is the only MLS player ever with 100 goals, 100 assists

UNITED | Jaime Moreno entered Wednesday night's game against FC Dallas in the 73rd minute and within moments was dribbling through two defenders on the left as if he was 10 years younger and running downhill. It was a reminder of how dangerous MLS' all-time leading scorer can be, despite his age (35) and two offseason surgeries. “It's always good to bring him in and hold the ball and kill off a game, which not too many people do as well as he does,” D.C. coach Tom Soehn said. Not too many score like Moreno has either, in this country or his own. His assist on Ben Olsen's 90th-minute, game-tying goal against New England on April 17 was his 100th in regular season play, along with his record 122 goals made him the first MLS player to hit triple digits in each category. The distinction is somewhat arbitrary—the Bolivian has scored in many playoff and international

MOVERS AND SHAKERS
United on Thursday acquired former Trinidad and Tobago international and American University D Avery John. He played for a minor league team in Miami last year after three seasons with New England. D.C. waived F Francis Doe to make roster space.

matches that MLS doesn't apply to the total—but it's a testament to sustained excellence and something in which Moreno takes considerable pride. “When you work hard for so many years, you get rewarded,” he said. “Nobody else in the history of any Bolivian players has made any history, any records. It's nice to do that.” But there is a future to consider, too. D.C. (1-1-3) is at New York (1-2-2) on Sunday and has a long season ahead, and the captain isn't ready to embrace a role player's status just yet. “I don't think anybody trains so hard during the week to be on the bench, so that's not my mentality. I always want to be a starter.” BRIAN STRAUS

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COURTESY DEVI KROELL

Devi Kroell

FASHION DESIGNER, CELEBRITY FAVORITE

We have Jessica Simpson to thank for Devi Kroell's rapid ascent in the style scene. Soon after the Austrian-born, New York-based designer launched her first bag collection five years ago, Simpson toted Kroell's slouchy hobo on the MTV show "Newlyweds," causing sales to skyrocket. Kroell, whose line is sold at new designer hub Hu's Wear (2906 M St.; 202-202-342-2020), just made her first trip to the capital to show off her new clothing line.

You moved from Europe to New York five years ago to launch your luxury line. Were you nervous?
I started it with bags because I thought there was a huge gap in the market that needed to be filled. All the bags being sold were heavily logo-ed, very structured, very boxy. I didn't think the modern woman really wants to be a billboard for all

these companies. My designs are exactly the opposite of that.

Jessica Simpson was among the first to scoop up a python hobo.
I've never seen "Newlyweds," but, apparently, she carried it in every single show. It became a focal point because she had it so overstuffed all the time. She might not have been my first choice for a celebrity to help launch my line, but that's how it went. Soon after, celebrities like Reese Witherspoon, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Kate Hudson started carrying them as well.

Then you added a shoe line.
My customers started asking for shoes that went with the bags. One of my first designs was a metallic python flat boot, which became a hit because a lot of celebrities wore them. Sienna Miller was photographed in them all the time.

And this season, you've expanded to ready-to-wear clothing.
Despite the recession, I thought it was the right time for me to come out with something different. I think most of the clothes out there are too detailed, too many buckles, too many gimmicks. I like very

"The '80s are very trendy now, but I would never say, 'Let's redo Michael Jackson's "Thriller" jacket.' No way."

pure lines and simple shapes with interesting twists.

The collection seems focused on simple and airy pieces.
To me, it's really important [that my designs last]. If you own a beautiful piece that's well-crafted, it should carry you through many seasons, not just one. That has always been my philosophy, even though the recession has made it trendy to create such pieces.

You see them as investments?
I think that comes mainly from the way I was brought up. Europeans don't consume as much as Americans; we tend to hold onto just a few good things.

In a crowded fashion industry, how do you create something new?
One thing that really inspires me is architecture. I find more inspiration in architectural shapes than vintage fashion. I actually really hate vintage clothes.

Which explains why your designs have a very modern feel.
The '80s are very trendy now, but I would never say, "Let's redo Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' jacket." No way. I'd rather look to the future. BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

EVENT HORIZON Do you dress right for your shape? It could be you're making some muffin top-caliber mistakes. Get schooled in budget-minded styling tricks for every body type by Oriana Khatso, proprietor of hip Dupont Circle boutique Terra, who's hosting a free talk on the topic. April 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Darlington House, 1610 20th St. NW. RSVP to hello@shopterradc.com.



Pictures Perfect

SNAPSHOTS OF your Delta Delta whatever brothers at Dewey Beach. Photos of your second cousin's third kid. Yet another pal's wedding portrait. If you aren't careful, framed photos can overwhelm your pad like a pack of glassy-eyed zombies. They'll look sleeker — and get rotated more often — in the fabric pockets of a beachy wooden bulletin board (\$80, Uncommongoods.com). If you have no friends or relations worth showcasing, it'll also hold postcards.

Grab Bag



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Grape Gains

GOING ON DINNER dates with investment bankers no longer seems like a good scheme for upping the quality of cabs and saus you drink. But the Vinturi Wine Aerator (\$40, Surlatable.com), a goblet-shaped funnel, allows you to pour in cheap vintages and — thanks, to an inner aerator — quaff stuff that tastes richer and smoother. A \$6 Trader Joe's merlot we put into the gadget seemed less acidic after it plonked through the doohickey. The Charles Shaw chardonnay from the same store still tasted like Three-Buck Upchuck, though.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I've been surprised that gladiator sandals continue to be trendy. I'm now powerfully tempted to get some. But are they appropriate for a woman over 35? — GLORIA

■ Manolo says, the Manolo is also surprised that the sandals of the gladiators continue to be fashionable long after the empire waist of the previous seasons has declined and fallen.

But such is the state of the world in which we now find ourselves; retailers avoid taking risks on unproven items by selling subtle variations of previous



seasons' winners, just as consumers are more concerned with getting their money's worth out of costly items.

As for whether adult women can wear the gladiator sandals, the Manolo says yes, but one should avoid pairing the full-out, knee-high sandals with drapery, lest one look like Cato the Elder denouncing Carthaginian aggression from the floor of the Senate. Ladies of the certain age should perhaps wear sandals that are more evocative of the ancient world rather than literal.

Here, from Elie Tahari, is the Ave Sandal in the gold leather (\$282, Zappos.com). More Diana, Mistress of the Hunt, than Russell Crowe, Mister of the Colosseum.



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ON THE COVER

Sarah wears Andrea lashes #45 and #53 and Ardell lashes #112 (\$3.30-\$3.50, drugstores). Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Hair/makeup, Kathy

3 Bag to the Future

FASHION HOUSES ARE KNOWN for hitting their archives for inspiration, sometimes to success (welcome back, mod shifts!), sometimes not (Leger bandage dresses weren't flattering the first time around). But Coach's new bag collection — inspired by pieces from the brand's 1960s designer Bonnie Cashin — features retro-chic sketches, stripes and shapes on carryalls (shown, \$298; Coach.com) and playful pochettes. One vintage touch — the snap-top coin purse — works just as well for newfangled iPhones.



A Small Craft Warning

THE ANNUAL SMITHSONIAN Craft Show, through Sunday (\$15; Smithsoniancraftshow.org) at the National Building Museum (401 F St. NW), has a rep for showing undiscovered jewelry makers, textile artists and pot throwers. But the 120 hand-selected artists don't just do big-budget buys: We're smitten with letterpress bangles (shown; from \$250) by first-timer Connie Verrusio, who crafts jewelry from recycled finds. Hot for handmade? Check out events in the first Craftweek DC (Craftweekdc.com), also through April 26.

Ban Lobal Warming

WE LOVE WHAT the one-two punch of a hair dryer and a straightening iron can do for our tresses. But the way this sometimes scorches out ears, not so much. But Ear Cuffies (\$5, Unseenontv.com), bizarre little fabric caps that fit over your extremities, keep blowouts from burning. The thingies do, however, itch. And donning them in front of anyone else means you'll risk being mistaken for Mickey Mouse after a sad accident.



lookout beauty

lash forward

MOVE OVER, LOUBOUTIN. A supersized set of eyelashes has become the latest must-have accessory. “The demand has totally boomed,” says Soul Lee, lash expert for Shu Uemura. A pair of false fringe might not have the same heft as, say, that Proenza Schouler PS1 tote, but don’t underestimate how much plumped-up peepers can elevate your whole look. “The cost is manageable, but the effect is huge,” says Sephora pro Sheranda Curtis. “Great lashes are one of the quickest ways to look glam.” Even girls who prefer minimal makeup should pay attention to their fringe, says CVS’ Beauty 360 consultant Jerome Mickelson. “If you like a natural look, a little mascara will still add definition to your eyes and polish to your appearance,” he says. But with so many products out there — from novelty mascaras to pricey serums — what’s the quickest way to plush peepers? We set our eyes on the best buys. **BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)**

bigger matters

The main pitfall of mascaras and falsies is that they’re only good until your next shower. Which made us obsessed with finding more intensive — and often expensive — ways to achieve perma-flirty fringe, such as lash-growth serums and semi-perm extensions. We swear that’s not as scary as it sounds — usually. The biggest buzz is over prescription serum Latisse (Latisse.com), originally made for glaucoma patients. When they started sprouting thick fringe, it was launched as a lash treatment, too. It’s FDA-approved, but side effects may include darkening of irises — a risk not worth taking on light peepers. Less intense formulas,

such as natural stimulant Lashfood (\$120; Lashfood.com), claim similar results, but only after weeks of use and without the medical pedigree. Even the most diligent daily application of Lashfood’s liquid formula is likely to end in impatience, not instant gratification. For a lasting lash fix, the fastest method is extensions, a semi-permanent process in which synthetic lashes are individually glued to your own, lasting three to four weeks. At the Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa in Chevy Chase (5225 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-362-9890), Isabelle Williams serves as the resident expert for luxe lashes. Her application is made

to feel more like a deluxe spa treatment (which helps explain why it costs as much as one, too, at \$350 for an initial session and about \$110 for monthly maintenance). As clients lay on a massage table, Williams works for nearly two hours per application, painstakingly bonding on the new lashes. (See Xtremelashes.com for more stylists.) The result? Thick, dark fringe often more than three times the original length. The change can be tough to adjust to at first. “Many customers need a little time to get used to it, but once they do, they often want more,” Williams says. “It’s a way to get major results you’d never match with just mascara.”



beauty **lookout**

mascara mania

With every beauty brand tout-ing their latest, greatest tube, it's hard to know what works. We tried the newest formulas in search of full fringe.

1. L'OREAL BARE NATURELE

➤ (\$10; drugstores)
Though a little clumpy, this mineral-enriched formula regularly delivers a natural, daytime look.

2. LORAC SPECIAL EFFECTS

➤ (\$22; Beauty.com)
A prep coat of primer is a surefire way to beef up spare lashes. Use a separate brand, or try a built-in model such as this top formula.

3. BENEFIT BADGAL PLUM

➤ (\$19; Benefitcosmetics.com)
Benefit's original high-volume favorite goes one step better with a super-subtle plum shade that makes colored eyes pop.

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6. BLINC MASCARA

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7. LANCOME OSCILLATION

➤ (\$34; Lancome.com)
Vibrating mascaras aren't all bunk: A buzzy vibration and skinny brush help nicely cover lashes, but it's best for lengthening, not volume.

8. PHYSICIAN'S FORMULA ORGANIC WEAR

➤ (\$10; drugstores)
An eco-friendly find, free of parabens and icky additives, though it falls short of major plumping.

9. DIOR DIORSHOW

➤ (\$24; Sephora.com)
The longtime celeb fave lives up to its rabid cult following. An oversized brush delivers massive length, volume and a sweet rose smell.

10. KIEHL'S MARVELOUS MINERAL

➤ (\$16.50, Kiehl's, 3110 M St. NW; 202-333-5101)
The skin savior just unveiled its first mascara, a jojoba oil-fortified formula that lightly punches up lashes.



MAC 34 Lash (\$12; Maccosmetics.com)

falsies hope

Those red carpet celebs with big, beautiful eyes? Nope, not genetics — it's the trick of false lashes. "Almost every actress wears them," says Shu Uemura's Soul Lee. Faux fringe can be tough to master, but try these tips for an evening look that's decadent, not drag queen-y.

➤ STEP ONE

Choose wisely. A big mistake most lash newbies make is using the wrong style, says Sephora's Sheranda Curtis. It might seem skimpy in the packaging, but "a little false lash goes a long way," she says. Another major gaffe: not trimming the strips to fit the length of your eyelids before applying them.

➤ STEP TWO

Practice makes perfect. Even before you get out the glue, do a few dry runs to get the hang of placement. When you're ready, dispense a thin line of adhesive along the lashes, not the eye. Be sure to let it sit for 20 to 30 seconds so glue can set before applying.

➤ STEP THREE

Go slow. Start by fully affixing the lash to the inside corner of the eye before working along the lid to the outer corner, keeping as close to the lash line as possible. Make a mistake? Pull off the lash, reapply the glue and try again — you'll likely botch it more if you make major adjustments once it's on the eyelid.

➤ STEP FOUR

Let glue dry and assess. (Stuck lids together? Us, too. Even Curtis says she's done that from time to time.) Minor flaws — such as a small gap between the lash line and false lash — can be camouflaged with gel eyeliner. Curling all lashes and adding a coat of mascara will help the natural and fake sets mesh.

➤ STEP FIVE

Know when to seek help. Oddly shaped eyes, unsteady hands and other common hitches can make lash application extra-tricky. If you can't master it on your own, head to a beauty store such as MAC, where practiced beauty technicians will apply the brand's lashes for free.



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STALK OF FAME
Call these bamboo cube clutches the Earth girl's "It" bags. The mod babies seem especially apropos for summer nights out or for hitting the panda enclosure at the zoo. (\$50, Rawbags.com)

eco extras

Making a minimal carbon footprint is a noble concept. But there's no sense in stepping lightly in ugly hemp sandals when hip designers have warmed up to globe-friendly accessories. Finds range from punk-tastic earrings made of repurposed vintage chains to espadrilles from Payless' new organic shoe line, Zoe & Zac. "You're seeing things like old leather jackets recycled into handbags and people making necklaces out of dead-stock beads," says Angelina Bennett, owner of eco boutique Beklina.com. "People are getting more creative about what green really means." JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



COMING ROUND AGAIN
Melissa Joy Manning uses recycled gold in stacking rings. (\$498, Ginger, 7114 Bethesda Lane, Bethesda; 301-664-9242)



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Recycled chains dangle from a pair of gritty-yet-pretty earrings that'd add edge to both cubicle and club outfits. (\$90, Dirtylibrarianchains.com)

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Tom Cunningham, left, and his orchestra honor Duke Ellington on Saturday.

FRIDAY

We're not allowed to write the name of electroclash singer Peaches' biggest single, which appeared on 2000's "The Teaches of Peaches," or her 2003 follow-up, which hit No. 5 on Billboard's electronic albums chart. Hmm. Peaches is known for her frank approach to sex, and from what we've heard of her forthcoming CD, "I Feel Cream," there's not much new here. At tonight's Liberation Dance Party at **DC9**, local blog TheNewGay.net is hosting an album release party with a twist: Listen to the full CD before its May 5 release, then participate in a Peaches lip-synch or karaoke contest to win the album and tickets to see Peaches at the 9:30 Club in June.

SATURDAY

Duke Ellington's 110th birthday is April 29, and to mark the anniversary, the Tom Cunningham Orchestra celebrates with a night of Ellingtonia at the **GLEN ECHO SPANISH BALLROOM**. The dance lasts from 9 p.m. to midnight, and the \$15 tickets include a one-hour beginner swing lesson.

At the old Kaffa House dancehall jams, party goers would show their enthusiasm by literally pounding holes in the walls. Hence the term "bashment." While Almaz occasionally hosts reggae parties, there's a dearth of the sound on U Street. If you're missing that flavor, DJ Fiyaman and DJ Underdog thrown down dancehall at **LIV** tonight for Basement Bashment.



AN IMPERFECT PAIRING: Robert Downey Jr. and Jamie Foxx never establish an on-screen chemistry that does their "Soloist" characters' real-life friendship justice.

The Discordant Duet

Foxx and Downey Jr. star in an off-putting screen adaptation of a beautiful true story

FILM | Inspiring, relevant and real, the story of Nathaniel Ayers — a schizophrenic but wildly talented Juilliard-trained cellist living on the streets of downtown L.A. — captivated Los Angeles Times readers in 2005.

The fact that columnist Steve Lopez didn't just ignore him like most people would — that he not only spoke to Ayers but befriended and wrote movingly about him — added to the unexpected humanity of the tale.

"The Soloist" takes all those innately engaging details and turns them into what is essentially a made-for-Lifetime movie, albeit one populated by Oscar winners and nominees.

Robert Downey Jr. stars as Lopez, with Jamie Foxx playing opposite him as Ayers. Wunderkind Brit Joe Wright ("Pride & Prejudice," "Atonement") is the director, working from a script by Susannah Grant ("Erin Brockovich").

On paper, you can see how this project had major promise (and it was initially scheduled to come out at the height of prestige-movie season last year, only to be bumped to pre-summer). In execution,

'The Soloist' takes innately engaging details and turns them into a Lifetime movie.

it's an awkward mix of gritty city visuals and mawkish sentiments in which even actors the caliber of Downey, Foxx and Catherine Keener seem to have difficulty finding nuance.

Sure, Downey displays his usual quick-wittedness and a range that allows him to be light on his feet yet also show some vulnerability. When "The Soloist" is about

Lopez's committing actual journalism, putting his experience to work to determine who Ayers is, it's a compelling mystery.

But Foxx is just off-putting; he's functioning at one repetitive, manic speed the whole time. Downey often seems frustrated — like he can't wait to get away from him — a sensation with which the audience will surely be able to sympathize. And the combination of stream-of-consciousness rants, fixations and phobias he presents as the manifestations of Ayers' mental illness instead come off like a "Rain Man" imitation. Hopefully, that's not what Foxx, a highly skilled mimic and Oscar-winner for "Ray," had in mind. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**



REMAKE Big Shoes to Fill James Marsden will star in Screen Gems' reimagining of the 1971 thriller "Straw Dogs" being written and directed by Rod Lurie. The new version follows Los Angeles screenwriter David Sumner (Marsden), who moves with his wife to her hometown in the deep South. Once there, tensions build in their marriage and old conflicts re-emerge with the locals. The original saw Dustin Hoffman in the role of Sumner, with the story set in rural England. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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All Guts, No Glory

‘Fighting’ is a dull, bloody movie that lacks both heart and interesting dialogue

FILM | The first rule of “Fight Club,” if you recall, was that you don’t talk about “Fight Club.” The first rule of “Fighting,” it seems, is that you talk only to fill the gaps between all the fighting.

Channing Tatum has the proper presence as a bruiser rising to stardom in New York City’s underground fighting circuit, yet he, co-star Terrence Howard and their castmates are stuck in a dull, cliché-sodden drama during the many moments when someone’s fist isn’t connecting with someone else’s jaw.

Tatum reunites with director Dito Montiel, who cast him in his autobiographical debut film “A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints,” set on the rough streets of Queens.

“Fighting,” which Montiel co-wrote with Robert Munic, preserves and expands on the direc-

Channing Tatum stars as Shawn MacArthur, a standard underdog-turned-hero.

tor’s intimate knowledge of New York showcased in “Saints.” His follow-up feature offers a mix of seedy and swank locales that provide an interesting and lively backdrop for the fights.

But the heart and authenticity of the low-budgeted “Saints,” which earned Montiel the directing prize at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival, hit the canvas as he mucks about with a bigger Hollywood production.

“Fighting” has a tired old prem-

ise as an underdog finds a wise but down-and-out mentor to take him to the big time and a nice new girlfriend to lend him emotional support. Yo, Rocky!

The forgettable script drowns in boring dialogue. But you don’t go to see a movie called “Fighting” for the patter. You go for the fisticuffs, and here, Montiel delivers with some nasty bare-knuckle rows that should satisfy fans’ bloodlust.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

Elevated,
Powerful
Women

Tori Amos explores female strength on a forthcoming album

MUSIC | Tori Amos always puts the ladies first. During the course of her career, she’s created a concept album about female archetypes (“American Doll Posse”), rewritten men’s songs from a female perspective (“Strange Little Girls”) and connected to fans with haunting, brutal personal portraits — “Me and a Gun” is a spare tale of her own sexual assault. With the release of “Abnormally Attracted to Sin,” out May 19, Amos tackles yet another thorny subject: women and power.

“I am kind of fascinated with

Tori Amos is known for her refusal to remain silent about issues of gender.

the idea of erotic spirituality,” she says. “But first, I wanted to investigate what people are attracted to. Some of the songs are about situations where people are struggling with their power, and find themselves attracted to people that have power. Dominance has become an aphrodisiac for some women. But there are also songs about women finding their inner strength.”

The artist herself is a force to be reckoned with on the new album, which blends rock beats with flashes of the avant-garde. Her sense of humor is evident in the light-hearted “Not Dying Today” and the slightly camp “Mary Jane,” but songs such as the jaded “Curtain Call” and the electronic chirping of “Starling” reveal a pensive side.

CHRISTA TITUS (BILLBOARD)



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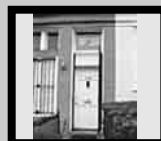
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ADVENTURELAND (R, 104 minutes) In its own gentle way, the film restores a welcome note of humanism to a genre that has lately become little more than a repository for fart-and-vomit jokes. Jesse Eisenberg plays James Brennan, a recent college graduate whose plans for a European vacation before starting grad school are foiled when his family suffers an economic setback. James is forced to live at home and get a job at the local amusement park. There he meets an eclectic group of lost and striving souls, including a thwarted rock musician (Ryan Reynolds) and a sultry, mysterious girl named Em (Kristen Stewart), with whom he furtively falls in love. Thanks to an exceptionally

deft touch, director Greg Mottola manages to capture the absurdity and anguish of young adulthood. (AH)

AMERICAN VIOLET (PG-13, 102 minutes) How would you feel if you were falsely accused of distributing narcotics in a school zone? Outraged. Violated. That's how it felt watching this harrowing drama about a real-life case in Texas that inspired an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit against the racist district attorney (Michael O'Keefe). It seems like an open-and-shut case. On the one side, you have the clean-living single mom and hardworking waitress Dee Roberts, played by the wondrous Nicole Beharie. On the other side is O'Keefe's Calvin Beckett, whose hateful, impassive face looks like a lump of cold, unbaked dough with two empty holes punched in it for eyes. There's a slight aftertaste of force-feeding, to be sure. But, mostly, thanks to some excellent, nuanced performances, it tastes like justice. (MO)

DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG, 84 minutes) The characters are likable and the action sequences bloodless and colorful in this bland, convoluted, special effects-laden coming-of-age fantasy. It is adapted from a popular series of Japanese manga comics and video games. Set in a sci-fi near-future, the movie introduces high-schooler Goku (Justin Chatwin). Grandpa (Randall Duk Kim) gives him a beautiful Dragonball that has powers. He says Goku's true identity will be revealed on his birthday. But Goku skips his birthday dinner for a party and returns to find Grandpa buried under their collapsed house. As he dies, Grandpa warns that the alien Lord Piccolo (James Marsters) has returned in search of the Dragonball. Goku joins an eccentric group to defeat Piccolo. (JH)

DUPLICITY (PG-13, 125 minutes) Tony Gilroy's romantic espionage caper pits two pharmaceutical companies against each other. Burkett & Randle, led by



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Zac Efron takes a stab at the old adult-trapped-in-a-teen-body in "17 Again."

Howard Tully (Tom Wilkinson), has discovered a cream that will revolutionize the industry. Equikrom, led by Richard Garsik (Paul Giamatti) needs to steal the secret to that lotion. And there's romance, of sorts. Behind the scenes, Claire Stenwick (Julia Roberts) and Ray Koval (Clive Owen) work their nefarious magic, he on Equikrom's side, she on Burkett & Randle's. But are they both really working for each other? And can they really trust each other? Luckily, Owen and Roberts both get to play off Giamatti, who overacts gleefully. It's smart, it's for grown-ups, and it lets Julia Roberts laugh, if just once. (DK)

FAST & FURIOUS (PG-13, 105 minutes) This film refires the high-speed adrenaline and the fuel-injected bromance between Vin Diesel and Paul Walker that began in 2001's "The Fast and the Furious." The reunion is fun and frantic, like the original on double nitro. Gone is the young-boy innocence of the first, in which guys (and gals) cheated death at high velocity like towheaded surfer dudes. Now it's all about kill-or-be-killed screeching, shooting and colliding at the Mexican border, with FBI SWAT teams and helicopters in frantic pursuit. Bromance-wise, there's some bad blood between Dominic (Diesel) and Brian (Walker) to clear up: all that 2001 business about Brian's being an undercover cop and not telling Dom or his sister (Brian's love interest, Jordana Brewster). But it's nothing a dangerous mission to bust a Mexican crime lord can't solve. (DT)

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G, 98 minutes) The first moment of applause came early during a recent screening, so early, in fact, the house lights had just begun to dim. The source of the clapping was a pair of excitable girls who looked to be about 7 years old. Which is pret-

ty much the target demographic of this innocuous feature-length adaptation of the popular Disney Channel series about Miley Stewart (Miley Cyrus), an ordinary teenage girl who secretly moonlights as Hannah Montana. When Miley/Hannah gets too caught up in the celebrity swirl of Los Angeles, she's relegated to her family's home in Tennessee by her widowed father (Billy Ray Cyrus, the star's

real-life dad). While there, she must cope with country life; evade a tabloid reporter seeking to expose her double life; save the community from a developer; and meet hunky Travis. The film may be, at heart, every Disney princess movie you've ever seen — but with a stretch limo instead of a pumpkin-turned-coach and a prince who wears a cowboy hat. (MO)

THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT

(PG-13, 92 minutes) Solid acting and handsomely realized effects depicting ghostly visions and visitations make this a chilling occult tale: There are flashbacks of someone preparing to snip the eyelids off a body, and of seances in which ghostly ectoplasm spews from a live person's mouth. Virginia Madsen plays Sara, whose teenage son, Matt (Kyle Gallner), has a life-threatening illness. She moves

the family to an old house near the hospital where Matt is treated. He immediately starts seeing dead people and worse in the house, and becomes detached and obsessed. A cleric (Elias Koteas) helps Matt reveal the secret behind the haunting. The narrative is repetitive but still effective. (JH)

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Rudd is a phone book actor, meaning he's just one of those guys who could stand there and read a phone book and we'd laugh. Just watch him in the first few scenes of his most recent role, when his

character, Peter Klaven, listens in on a raunchy conference call between his fiancée, Zooey (Rashida Jones), and her best girlfriends. Or listen as he makes up fake guy-talk when he goes on a first man-date with Sydney Fife (Jason Segel), the shambling Lost Boy who Peter befriends. Only Rudd could mine comic gold from standing there and saying things like "joben" and "totes magotes." It's a thin premise,

one that features the usual quota of jokes involving masturbation, projectile vomiting and flatulence. But is it worth it? Thanks to Rudd and Segel (and some terrific cameos), totes magotes. (AH) **KNOWING** (PG-13, 110 minutes) John Koestler (Nicolas Cage), comes across a 50-year-old list of numbers that somehow seems to have predicted — down to the precise date and location — every major

disaster of the last half-century, plus a few that haven't happened yet. His problems — alcohol abuse, the recent death of his wife — make him sound unhinged when he tries to warn people of the coming apocalypse. Yes, the film is creepy, at least for the first two-thirds or so, in a moderately satisfying, if predictable, way. But the narrative corner into which this movie, directed by Alex Proyas ("I, Robot"), paints itself is a



Alfre Woodard and Nicole Beharie star in the true-to-life "American Violet."

simultaneously silly and morbidly depressing one. (MO)

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG, 94 minutes) This super-duper, 3-D, big-screen, Imax-deluxe extravaganza has bells and whistles, superb technical sophistication, dazzling visual effects, sound, fury and Reese Witherspoon. What it doesn't have is heart. Even children appreciate a good story, and that's precisely what's missing in this film, which is nominally about a bunch of government-sponsored monsters that do battle with an evil alien squid craving world domination. That's plot, not a story. And too often, it's about things, not characters. One exception is B.O.B., a forgetful blue gelatinous blob that, as voiced by Seth Rogen, not only elicits but earns his laughs. As for the rest of the movie, it will recede into your own B.O.B.-like memory bank, dissolve quickly and disappear forever. (AH)

OBSERVE AND REPORT (R, 86 minutes) Written and directed by Jody Hill, the film is the logical conclusion of the loser comedy, losers of the like portrayed by Adam Sandler, Jim Carrey and the late Chris Farley. Those losers, however, always possess some modicum of charm. Not Ronnie Barnhardt (Seth Rogen), a guy who can be described only by using an epithet not allowed in this newspaper. As head of security at the Forest Ridge Mall, Ronnie personifies every rent-a-cop cliché, from the delusions of grandeur, to the gun-nuttiness, to a burning desire to be a real detective. He sexually harasses Brandi (Anna Faris), the makeup-counter clerk. During an interview at the police academy, he admits that he's bipolar; inspired by love for Brandi, he decides to go off his meds. At that point, what happens is so ridiculously violent and uncomedic that you just might laugh, but only out of shock and

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RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG, 98 minutes) Screenwriters Matt Lopez and Mark Bomback have retooled the Alexander Key novel that provided fodder for the original 1975 film, creating a vehicle for Dwayne Johnson. Johnson is a sly delight here, playing an ex-con named Jack Bruno, who has traded in his NASCAR dreams to drive a cab in Las Vegas. Between trundling sci-fi geeks to a UFO convention, Jack picks up a pair of very anxious blond tweens named Seth (Alexander Ludwig) and Sara (AnnaSophia Robb). Once Seth halts a pursuing SUV with his breastplate and Sara levitates Jack's tip change, it becomes clear that Jack is dealing with two strays from outer space who have crash-landed in the desert. (JS)

17 AGAIN (PG-13, 102 minutes) In Burr Steers's engaging but pedestrian comedy, Zac Efron is effortlessly diverting as an adult trapped in a teen's body. The film starts in 1989 as high-school senior Mike O'Donnell (Efron) blows his chance at a basketball scholarship when he proposes to his pregnant girlfriend, Scarlett. Years later, Mike, now played by lumpen Matthew Perry, is bemoaning the life he could've had. When a mysterious man transforms Mike into his 17-year-old self, he re-enrolls at Hayden High School as Mark. Efron, bless him, is not the kind of actor who puts a lot of work into figuring out how to act like a depressed, miserable 37-year-old guy. He has no edge. Efron's teenage fans will give the film a hearty, squealing OMG; their parents will walk out wishing that their daughters' unattainable love object, and the movie that's going to make him an even bigger star, was just a teensy bit more dangerous. (DK)

SIN NOMBRE (R, 96 minutes) In the careful, confident hands of California-born, NYU-schooled director Cary Joji Fukunaga, this film is an elegant, heart-breaking fable, equalparts Shakespearean tragedy, neo-western and mob movie but without the pretension of those genres. Fukunaga, who also wrote the script, has made one of the most memorable directorial debuts in recent history, deftly weaving two stories of desperation. DAN ZAK

STATE OF PLAY (PG-13, 117 minutes) Taking some cues from such recent headlines as Chandra Levy and Blackwater, not to mention "All the President's Men," the film plays politicians and journalists against each other in a continually

shifting game of back-scratching and back-stabbing. Congressman Stephen Collins (Ben Affleck), a rising political star, is caught up in a scandal that may or may not have anything to do with a string of murders being investigated by Washington Globe reporter Cal McCaffrey (Russell Crowe). Caught in the middle is a plucky young blogger played by Rachel McAdams, who

teams up with McCaffrey to get to the bottom of events that spin more and more improbably out of control. The film features terrific performances from its aforementioned stars; Helen Mirren has some especially choice moments as Cal's vinegary editor. But the filmmakers seem less interested in its text than in its subtext, in this case the death rattle of Old Media. (AH)

12 ROUNDS (PG-13, 108 minutes) WWE wrestling star John Cena is an affable, boulder-like presence in this undistinguished crime thriller, built around a series of huge stunts. Cena plays Danny Fisher, a New Orleans police detective who has earned the enmity of a vile international dealer named Miles (Aidan Gillen). Somehow out of prison, Miles blows up Danny's house, then abducts his girl-

friend, Molly (Ashley Scott), and sets up 12 Herculean tasks for Danny to complete or Molly will die. (JH)



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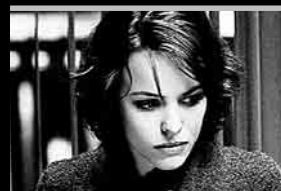
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MAJESTIC STADIUM 20
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Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
OBSSESSED (PG-13) (1215 115 245 345 515) 620 745 900 1015 1125
EARTH (G) (1200 210 420) 630 840 1050
THE INFORMERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1225 240 500) 730 1000
FIGHTING (PG-13) (100 330) 600 930 1100
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (1240 310 530) 750 1010
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1245 340) 700 950
CRANK 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 1235 200 300 415 520) 625 725 845 930 1105 1130
AMERICAN VIOLET (PG-13) (1150 230 435) 645 850 1055
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 220 440) 705 920
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (1140 205 430) 710 945
DRAGONBALL EVOLUTION (PG) (1220 235 455) 710 945
OBSERVE & REPORT (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 315 545) 755 955
ADVENTURELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 PM)
FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG-13) (1230 305 535) 805 1035
THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG-13) (1210 210 430) 650 910
DUPLICITY (PG-13) (1135 AM) 1025 PM
KNOWING (PG-13) (225 PM 505 PM) 740 PM
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 445) 715 945
RW: 17 AGAIN (PG-13) (130 400) 610 835 1115
RW & DA: STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1130 215 450) 800 1045

ROYALE STADIUM 14
6505 America Blvd Hyattsville, MD 301-864-3456

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
RW: OBSSESSED (PG-13) (100 330) 700 1000
FIGHTING (PG-13) (1230 300 530) 800 1030
OBSSESSED (PG-13) (1200 240 515) 750 1025
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1250 345) 720 1020
EARTH (G) (1200 230 440) 705 930
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (1220 250 525) 755 1035
OBSERVE & REPORT (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 320) 715 940
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1140 210 440) 710 940
CRANK 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 255 510) 720 955
OBSERVE & REPORT (R) - ID REQ'D (305 PM 520 PM) 1045 PM
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (1245 310) 740 1010
FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG-13) (105 335) 745 1015
THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG-13) (915 PM) 730 PM
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) (1210 235 450) 710 925
KNOWING (PG-13) (1215 PM) 735 PM
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1225 PM) 1040 PM

BETHESDA 10
17717 Northpoint Avenue 800-FANDANGO 655#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
THE INFORMERS (R) - ID REQ'D (100 320 540) 810 1030
OBSSESSED (PG-13) (1230 300 530) 800 1030
VALENTINO: THE LAST EMPEROR (NR) (1100 130 415) 740 1015
CRANK 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (100 310 520) 740 950
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (1150 220 450) 720 1000
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (100 400) 700 1000
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (1140 210 440) 710 940
ADVENTURELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 PM 515 PM) 1015 PM
FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG-13) (110 340) 610 840
DUPLICITY (PG-13) (1130 205 445) 730 1015
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 230 450) 710 930

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1100 130 415) 700 940
OBSSESSED (PG-13) (1130 1230 200 300 430 530) 715 815 920 1050
FIGHTING (PG-13) (1100 130 415) 740 1015
EARTH (G) (1100 200 430) 700 930
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (1125 115 205 345 445) 630 730 900 1000
AMERICAN VIOLET (PG-13) (1145 215 500) 720 925
CRANK 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1105 120 330) 600 810 1030
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1105 150 445) 745 1035
OBSERVE & REPORT (R) - ID REQ'D (210 PM) 935 PM
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (110 135 420) 655 945
FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG-13) (1230 300 530) 800 1040
THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG-13) (1135 AM 425 PM) 705 PM
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★

GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14
701 Seventh St NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
OBSSESSED (PG-13) (1200 220) 445 710 930 1145
EARTH (G) (1130 1215 200 300) 435 630 720 910 1100 1145 1230
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1230) 400 700 1015 1240
FIGHTING (PG-13) (1145 215) 455 735 1030 1245
OC: 17 AGAIN (PG-13) (1220 PM)
AMERICAN VIOLET (PG-13) (1210 235) 500 730 955 1220
CRANK 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 210) 425 650 920 1200
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (245) 510 745 1025
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1150 AM) 1010 PM
OBSERVE & REPORT (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 PM 300 PM)
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (1210 PM 240 PM)
ADVENTURELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 PM 240 PM)
FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG-13) (1215 5 250) 530 800 1035
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 230 505) 725 945 1205
BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
THE INFORMERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 225 450) 715 940
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1210 210 315) 630 720 935 1030
CRANK 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 305 520) 755 1035
OBSERVE & REPORT (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 250 505) 740 1010
FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG-13) (200 500) 750 1040
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) (1200 230 510) 735 955
SUNSHINE CLEANING (R) - ID REQ'D (155 420) 650 920
KNOWING (PG-13) (100 400) 725 1015
WATCHMEN (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 PM 430 PM) 800 PM
TAKEN (PG-13) (145 410) 640 910

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
5675 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
EARTH (G) (220 450) 720 950
OBSSESSED (PG-13) (110 210 410 510) 650 750 930 1030 1150
FIGHTING (PG-13) (155 440) 725 1010
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (135 430) 710 945
OC: 17 AGAIN (PG-13) (145 415) 710 945
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (230 405 505) 640 740 925 1025
CRANK 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 200 300 420 520) 710 810 940 1040 1200
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1245 145 400 500) 700 800 1020 1120
OBSERVE & REPORT (R) - ID REQ'D (250 525) 745 1015
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (1250 330) 620 910
FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG-13) (1235 320) 610 850 1130
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★
KNOWING (PG-13) (120 350) 630 900
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (100 PM) 705 PM 1140 PM

KINGSTOWNE STADIUM 16
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center 703-822-4956

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
EARTH (G) (1200 215 430) 700 915
OBSSESSED (PG-13) (1130 205 445) 720 910
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1145 225 505) 730 1030
RW: OBSSESSED (PG-13) (1245 315) 625 900
FIGHTING (PG-13) (1205 235 510) 740 1020
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (1210 110 245 345 515) 645 805 930 1030
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1215 115 305 405) 615 715 910 1015
CRANK 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 230 450) 725 940
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (1130 1235 155 300 420 525) 655 920
OBSERVE & REPORT (R) - ID REQ'D (755 PM) 1005 PM
ADVENTURELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (1140 PM)
FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG-13) (1225 330) 635 905
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★
KNOWING (PG-13) (1135 150 410) 630 850
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 340) 650 945
(145 415) 710 950

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
EARTH (G) (1230 245 500) 715 930

FOX STADIUM 16
22875 Crawford Plz Asbun, VA 703-957-1035

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
RW: OBSSESSED (PG-13) (1155 230 510) 750 1030
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (140 440) 730 1015
EARTH (G) (1230 245 500) 715 930
FIGHTING (PG-13) (1210 250 530) 800 1035
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (200 430) 700 950
RW: 17 AGAIN (PG-13) (100 330) 600 830
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 215 445) 710 940
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (120 220 420 520) 720 820 1020
CRANK 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 310 540) 810 1040
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (110 210 350 450) 630 740 900 1010
OBSERVE & REPORT (R) - ID REQ'D (150 410) 640 920
FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG-13) (1250 340) 620 850
KNOWING (PG-13) (115 400) 650 1000
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 320) 610 840

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4111 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 570#

OBSSESSED (PG-13) (120 410) 740 1015
THE INFORMERS (R) - ID REQ'D (120 440) 710 945
FIGHTING (PG-13) (140 420) 720 1000
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (1250 150 350 450) 650 750 920 1020
THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG-13) (110 340) 700 930
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 250 510) 730 950
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) (130 400) 630 900
DUPLICITY (PG-13) (1240 330) 640 940
WATCHMEN (R) - ID REQ'D (100 PM 430 PM) 800 PM

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR TREK
EARTH (G) 1000 (1230 245 515) 730 945
FIGHTING (PG-13) (1030 100 345) 700 930
OBSSESSED (PG-13) (1130 215 500) 745 1015
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1045 145 430) 715 1000
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (1015 1100 1245 130 315 400) 600 645 830 915
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1215 115 330 415) 630 710 920 1020
CRANK 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 230 450) 750 1030
OBSERVE & REPORT (R) - ID REQ'D (210 545) 815 1040
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (1020 110 340) 615 845
FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG-13) (1145 250 530) 800 1045
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★
KNOWING (PG-13) (1120 150 410) 640 900
I LOVE YOU MAN (R) - ID REQ'D (350 PM) 650 PM
(1210 PM) 1010 PM

Extreme Makeover Artist

A diet coach takes it too far on WE's 'I Want to Save Your Life'

AGGRESSION | WE has become the network for emotional ambush. Both "The Locator" (9 p.m., Sat.) and "I Want to Save Your Life" (10 p.m., Saturday) involve minor celebrities armed with a camera crew bursting into somebody's private life with the intention of turning it upside down.

Charles Stuart Platkin, host of "I Want to Save Your Life," calls himself a diet detective, but it's creepier than that. By his own admission, he stalks people and observes their eating and exercise habits and then teams up with a loved one to challenge his subjects to change their ways. It's a strange combination of "Inter-



Charles Stuart Platkin not only shows up uninvited, but he also has a creepy stare.

vention," "Biggest Loser" "This is Your Life" and a visit from Jacob Marley's ghost.

In Saturday's pilot, Platkin star-les Jennifer mid-bite in a family restaurant. She's a mother of three with terrible eating habits, a non-existent workout schedule and self-esteem issues that have much

to do with the fact that she's carrying at least an extra 125 pounds around with her. Platkin spends a week with her, organizing her cupboards, her closets and her life, and then promises to return four weeks later to see whether she's kept on the straight and narrow. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

weekend lineup

SMALL-SCREEN HERO

IRON MAN: ARMORED ADVENTURES

(7 p.m., Nicktoons, Fri.) continues the network's collaboration with Marvel Comics.

FOREVER FAMOUS

Singer-actress-director Barbra Streisand (born April 24, 1942) turned 67 yesterday. **STREISAND: LIVE IN CONCERT** (8 p.m., CBS, Sat.) presents highlights from a 2006 performance.

LEND THE DEAD A HAND

Echo receives a murdered woman's memories and searches for her killer on **DOLLHOUSE** (9 p.m., Fox, Fri.).

ANCIENT BABY

She's cute, innocent and 40,000 years old. **WAKING THE BABY MAMMOTH** (9 p.m., National Geographic, Sun.) documents the discovery of the perfectly intact body of a 4-month-old mammal who perished in the late Pleistocene Era.

RIISING WATERS

Scientists determine the rate at which the ice caps are melting in **JOURNEY**



See what disasters befall Walt this Sunday on a brand-new "Breaking Bad."

TO THE END OF THE WORLD (10 p.m., MSNBC, Sun.).

IN BAD COMPANY

Walt and Jesse confide in dubious counsel on **BREAKING BAD** (10 p.m., AMC, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Eisenhower Ave and Telegraph Road in Alexandria

IMAX MONSTERS VS. ALIENS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG)
12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

DIGITAL 3D
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG) (11:35 @ \$9), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

FIGHTING (PG13) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:25
OBSESSED (PG13) (10:10, 11:00 @ \$6), 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:40, 10:40, 12:25

THE SOLOIST (PG13) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10
EARTH (G) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20
17 AGAIN (PG13) (11:20 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:55, 2:40, 4:30, 5:15, 7:05, 7:50, 9:40, 10:25, 12:15

CRANK HIGH VOLTAGE (R) (11:05 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:35, 2:35, 4:05, 5:05, 6:35, 7:35, 9:10, 10:10, 11:40, 12:30

STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 12:35, 3:30, 6:30, 9:35, 12:30
STATE OF PLAY (PG13) (10:15 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:20
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45

OBSERVE AND REPORT (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:55, 12:10
ROCKY KILL (PG13) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00
THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13) 12:10, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35

DUPLOITY (PG13) 12:50, 6:10
I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) 12:40, 3:20, 6:15, 9:00, 11:45
KNOWING (PG13) 12:45, 3:40, 6:40, 10:00
TAKEN (PG13) (10:20 @ \$6), 3:50, 9:20

AMC SELECT
THE INFORMERS (R) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:55, 5:35, 8:05, 10:30

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.

FIGHTING (PG13) ✓ 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
OBSESSED (PG13) ✓ 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
THE SOLOIST (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
17 AGAIN (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10
DUPLOITY (PG13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:20, 10:05
I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25

AMC SELECT
ADVENTURELAND (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway

IMAX MONSTERS VS. ALIENS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG)
(11:30 @ \$10), 1:55, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20

DIGITAL 3D
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG) (10:30 @ \$9), 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:30

FIGHTING (PG13) (11:20 @ \$6), 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
OBSESSED (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:15, 3:50, 7:00, 9:35
THE SOLOIST (PG13) (11:10 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
EARTH (G) (10:00, 11:00 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:05, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50
17 AGAIN (PG13) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40

CRANK HIGH VOLTAGE (R) (11:25 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:15, 7:10, 9:30
STATE OF PLAY (PG13) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55

OBSERVE AND REPORT (R) (10:10 @ \$6), 2:55, 7:50
FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) (11:45 @ \$6), 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25
THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13) 6:20, 9:00
I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) 12:20, 5:20, 10:05
KNOWING (PG13) (10:05 @ \$6), 1:20, 3:55, 6:55, 9:45

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.

DIGITAL 3D
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG) 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40

FIGHTING (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40, 12:20
OBSESSED (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 10:00, 12:30
THE SOLOIST (PG13) ✓ 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
EARTH (G) ✓ 12:50, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25

17 AGAIN (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30
CRANK HIGH VOLTAGE (R) ✓ 12:15, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50, 12:25
STATE OF PLAY (PG13) ✓ 12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 6:45, 7:45, 9:45, 10:45, 12:30

STATE OF PLAY (PG13) (10:10 @ \$6), 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20
FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 6:55, 9:35, 12:10
DUPLOITY (PG13) 2:10, 7:20
I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:05, 9:55, 12:30

AMC SELECT
THE INFORMERS (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:00, 7:35, 10:05, 12:25
ADVENTURELAND (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:25, 8:05, 10:35

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center

DIGITAL 3D
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG) (9:10, 11:40 @ \$9), 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30, 12:05

FIGHTING (PG13) ✓ (9:45 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35, 1:00
OBSESSED (PG13) ✓ (9:35, 11:00 @ \$6), 12:10, 1:35, 2:50, 4:10, 5:30, 7:05, 8:15, 9:55, 10:55, 12:40

THE SOLOIST (PG13) ✓ (10:35 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:20, 7:35, 10:30, 12:55
EARTH (G) ✓ (10:00 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10, 12:35
17 AGAIN (PG13) ✓ (9:05, 10:05, 11:35 @ \$6), 12:45, 2:05, 3:25, 4:55, 6:00, 7:30, 8:40, 10:05, 11:15, 12:45

CRANK HIGH VOLTAGE (R) ✓ (10:25 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:25
STATE OF PLAY (PG13) ✓ (10:30 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:15, 7:45, 10:40
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (9:30, 11:05 @ \$6), 12:15, 1:45, 2:55, 4:30, 5:45, 7:15, 9:45, 12:15

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (9:30 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:55, 5:45
OBSERVE AND REPORT (R) (9:55 @ \$6), 12:05, 2:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15, 11:30

FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) (9:00, 11:30 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00, 12:30
FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) (8:20, 11:00

I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) (9:15 @ \$6), 12:00, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20, 12:50
KNOWING (PG13) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:25

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo

FIGHTING (PG13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:25
OBSESSED (PG13) (11:00 @ \$6), 12:45, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00

THE SOLOIST (PG13) (11:20 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20
EARTH (G) (11:45 @ \$6), 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
17 AGAIN (PG13) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
AMERICAN VIOLET (PG13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05

CRANK HIGH VOLTAGE (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (11:50 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) (11:55 @ \$6), 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55

FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) (11:55 @ \$6), 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) (11:35 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:35, 7:00, 9:30
3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886

IMAX MONSTERS VS. ALIENS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG)
(11:15 @ \$10), 1:45, 4:10, 6:35, 9:05, 11:20

DIGITAL 3D
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FIGHTING (PG13) ✓ 12:15 AM
FIGHTING (PG13) (11:20 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55
OBSESSED (PG13) ✓ (11:10 @ \$6), 1:00, 1:55, 3:45, 4:40, 6:30, 7:25, 9:15, 10:10, 12:00

THE SOLOIST (PG13) ✓ (10:20 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50, 12:10
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17 AGAIN (PG13) ✓ (11:35 @ \$6), 1:25, 2:15, 4:00, 4:55, 6:40, 7:35, 9:20, 10:15, 11:50

CRANK HIGH VOLTAGE (R) ✓ (10:05 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20
STATE OF PLAY (PG13) ✓ (10:25 @ \$6), 12:15, 1:20, 3:20, 4:15, 6:15, 7:10, 9:10, 10:05, 12:05

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:20, 6:55, 9:30
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FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) (10:55 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40

THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13) 12:05, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30
I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) (11:30 @ \$6), 5:05, 10:35
KNOWING (PG13) 2:10, 7:45

AMC SELECT

THE INFORMERS (R) (9:55 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph

AMERICAN VIOLET (PG13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05
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LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.

STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 10:20

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE

Jenifer and Wisconsin

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LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18

9811 Washingtonian Boulevard

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LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda

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Poll Center

DOES CRAIGSLIST BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KILLING IN BOSTON?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 92%
YES 8%

“Yes, of course it does. The list promotes prostitution, which is illegal and immoral. While murder is a crime and a sin, those [women] should have known the risks when they entered into such a revolting act.”

COMMENTER GOPARENT

“Craigslist bears no more responsibility for this crime than would The Washington Post for someone who had their car stolen as the result of the placement of a car for-sale ad.”

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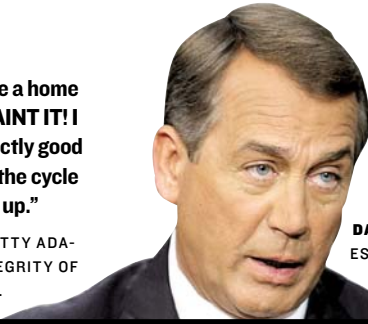
“THIS GUY CLEARLY flunked out of ninja school after, like, two weeks. This is sort of like dressing up in your Darth Vader costume and trying to hold up a McDonald’s with a toy light saber.”

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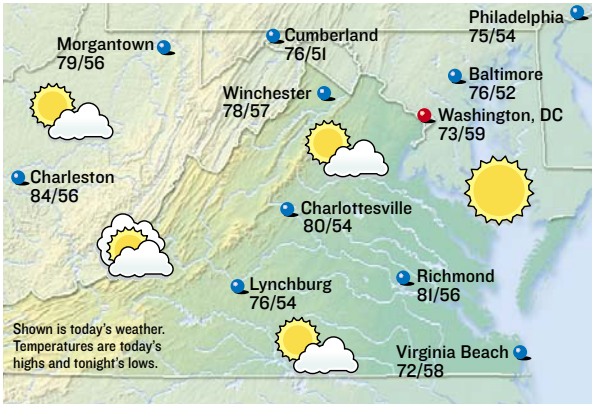
“John Boehner and the media: Take good notes. If you are going to try to stand in the way [of President Obama], you’d better have some aspirin and bandages handy.”

DAILYKOS.COM IS IMPRESSED BY A BREAKDOWN OF PRESIDENT OBAMA’S LATEST APPROVAL NUMBERS, ADDING, “NOTE WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE FUTURE, REPUBLICANS. YOUNGER VOTERS ARE NOT IMPRESSED WITH THE PARTY OF ‘NO.’”

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny, warmer	Mainly clear	Mostly sunny, warmer	Sunny, very warm	Mostly sunny, very warm	Warm, partly sunny
73°	59°	84° / 65°	87° / 62°	87° / 59°	82° / 58°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.	
Temperature	
High	62°
Low	46°
Normal high	69°
Normal low	48°
Average humidity	40%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	4.11"
Normal month to date	2.09"
Year to date	9.11"
Last year to date	11.98"
Normal year to date	11.53"

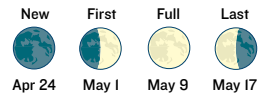
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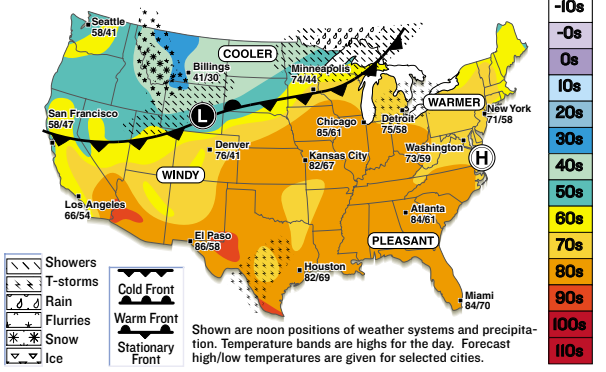
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny, warmer. High 73. Wind southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 59. Wind south 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:19 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:54 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:36 a.m.
Moonset today	7:50 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, April 24



National Cities

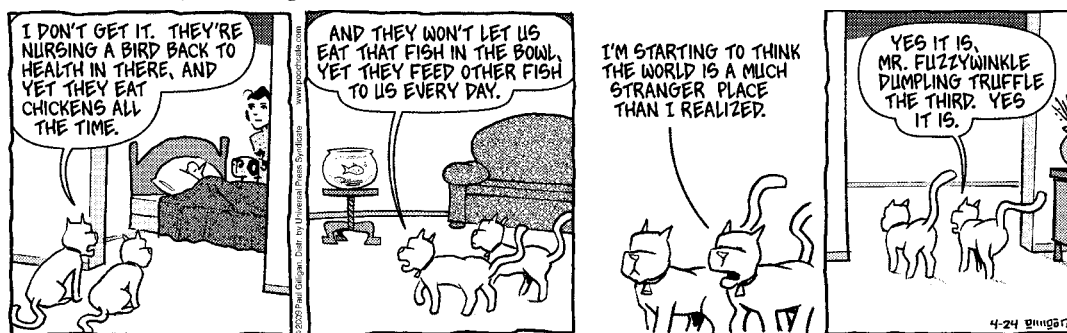
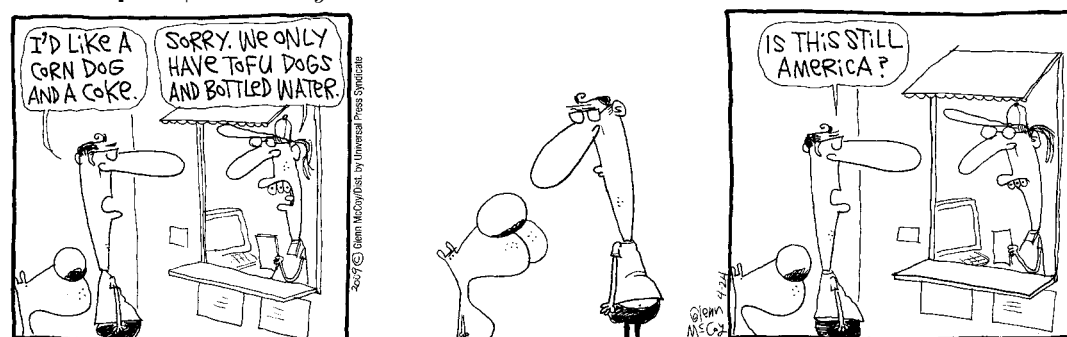
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Atlanta	84/61/s	81/64/s
Boston	67/53/s	82/64/s
Chicago	85/61/s	80/60/pc
Dallas	80/66/t	82/70/pc
Denver	76/41/pc	57/35/r
Honolulu	79/66/c	81/68/pc
Los Angeles	66/54/c	70/54/pc
Miami	84/70/s	81/70/s
New York City	71/58/s	82/66/s
Orlando	86/64/s	84/63/s
Seattle	58/41/pc	57/42/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Low	Sat. Hi/Low
Amsterdam	63/47/s	59/45/pc
Athens	60/50/pc	64/50/s
Berlin	67/47/s	72/54/s
Buenos Aires	70/59/pc	73/59/pc
Calgary	36/24/sn	43/25/c
Dublin	52/45/r	50/41/sh
Geneva	67/44/sh	62/48/pc
Moscow	48/30/pc	55/39/pc
Rome	66/49/sh	70/52/pc
Sydney	73/59/pc	75/57/sh
Tokyo	63/54/pc	61/59/r

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin

"It's not fair. I've got seniority."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy**Horoscope**

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Once your mind is set on something, nothing in the world can make you budge. Try, however, to give a little; it's in your best interest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make sure you get enough sleep. It will be impossible for you to accomplish all you have to do without the proper rest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have a tendency to be crabby and unreasonable with those around you. Remember it is nothing but a mood swing; it will pass.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be careful not to lecture others too much. You may find you can get much further with more carefully chosen words.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone needs your help with something work-related. Roll up your sleeves and dive right in; you have a lot to offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Though it is in your nature to avoid rudeness in all situations, this may present a challenge. Speak your mind, but avoid anger.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be careful

what you say to people; misunderstanding can lead to trouble — and you may not even be aware of it until it is too late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may feel like jumping into something new with reckless abandon. It would be best to weigh options and make a careful choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are able to respect authority without feeling threatened, and this can pay off handsomely for you — and will be noted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Others may feel threatened by your outgoing nature and your willingness to get along with the world at large. Don't let them get you down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You have a great desire to see the world through rose-colored glasses. However, you may get a healthy dose of reality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful not to let your instincts for self-sufficiency hurt someone else's feelings. He or she is trying to do something nice for you.

Today in History

1877 Federal troops are ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

1915 The Ottoman Empire rounds up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople at the start of what many scholars regard as the first genocide of the 20th century, in which an estimated 1.5 million Armenians died.

1970 The People's Republic of China launches its first satellite, which keeps transmitting a song, "The East is Red."

1980 The United States launches an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

2004 Vitali Klitschko stops Corrie Sanders late

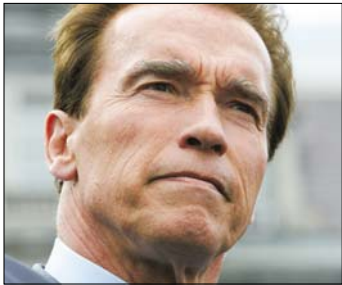


Vitali Klitschko, right, hugs his brother Wladimir after beating Corrie Sanders.

in the eighth round to win the WBC heavyweight title vacated by the retirement of Lennox Lewis.

2008 The White House accuses North Korea of assisting Syria's secret nuclear program, saying a Syrian nuclear reactor destroyed by Israel in 2007 was not intended for "peaceful purposes."

lookout people



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

TECHNOLOGY
Digital Image Also Useful For Banquets, Functions

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER confirmed in a Webcast interview that his image might appear in next month's "Terminator: Salvation." He made it clear he had no time to shoot new footage but that the filmmakers are playing with technology to insert his image from the earlier "Terminator" movies. (AP)

JUST LIKE US!
Royalty: They Have Telecom Jobs, Too!

Spain's **PRINCESS CRISTINA** and her family are moving to Washington because her husband has accepted a job there with telecommunications company Telefonica. The princess, 43, is the second of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia's three children. (AP)

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VICTIMS
Global Warming Targets Judd

ASHLEY JUDD urged Congress to spend \$7 billion a year to help safeguard America's wildlife from the impact of global warming. The actress told a House subcommittee on Thursday that climate legislation should not just address the causes of global warming, but also the effects already being seen. Judd says evidence of global warming can be felt on her farm in Tennessee. (AP)

COSTUMERY
Recession Hits Nevada Sequin Industry

ELTON JOHN bid farewell to the Las Vegas Strip Wednesday after five years and 241 shows at Caesars Palace. Wearing a bright red shirt that matched his piano and a coat emblazoned with "Las Vegas Pirates" on its back and "Captain Elton" on its right sleeve, Elton John rolled through his hits



and reflected on his time at the Colosseum. "The ex-home of Celine Dion ... and now it's the ex-home of Elton John as well," the 62-year-old said. Later, he told his fans, "One day I might even see you in Vegas, OK? But until then, I love you," before ending the show with "Your Song" and kissing an audience member's hand as he exited the stage. (AP)



JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

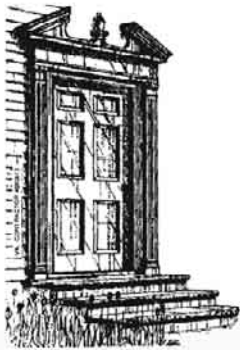
What's with the silent judging, man?

BALDING
Home Is Haunted by Ghost of Former Hairline

NICHOLAS CAGE is selling two mansions he owns in New Orleans. Cage is asking \$3.55 million for his three-story, 10,000-square-foot home in the French Quarter at 1140 Royal St. Known as the LaLaurie mansion, local tradition holds it is haunted. Cage is asking \$3.45 million for the Garden District home. (AP)

DEALS
Or You Can Have This Picture and Give Nothing

Vintage shots of **BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN** will be awarded to 14 lucky fans who make donations of \$25 or more to the Community Food-Bank of New Jersey. Fans can enter at Backstreets.com/hunger. (AP)



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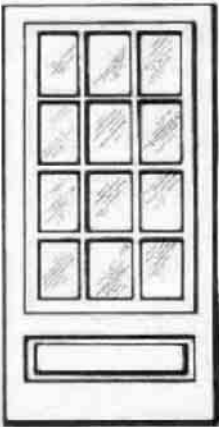
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ACROSS

1 Words instructors like to hear
5 Guitar feature
9 Take place
14 "Scenes From a ____" (Woody Allen movie)
15 ____ noire
16 78 player
17 Antsy
19 Bone below the femur
20 Warning device
22 Those in favor
23 .0000001 joule
24 Utterly unyielding
26 Mark of the serpent?
29 Wine list heading
32 Mdse. identifier
33 Natural cattle pen
36 Feeling of anxiety
40 Pretty boring
41 Half a dovetail joint
43 Gorilla that learned sign language
44 They pull their load
46 Game based on following directions
48 Fanny pack spot

50 "Sleek" prefix, in auto talk
51 Apt name for a minimalist
52 Perch atop
56 U.S. Constitution's first article
58 "Splendor in the Grass" director Kazan
59 Canine training device
65 Gracefully supple
67 Trash bag closers
68 Hold in high esteem
69 Kind of formality
70 Feline film heroine
71 "Let's Make ____"
72 Irish singing star
73 Ides of March rebuke

DOWN

1 "The Green Man" novelist Kingsley
2 Soccer's Mia
3 Brand that goes to the dogs
4 Allay by satisfying
5 Special investigator
6 What you might wind

up with
7 Where Enceladus is buried, in myth
8 Aquarium fish
9 Take your pick
10 Cartoon group with high-pitched hits
11 Snake preyed on by the mongoose
12 Word with "jack" or "label"
13 Affront-filled fete
18 ____ incognita
21 Some Johns Hopkins grads
25 Pseudonym introducer
26 Fades or declines
27 Destructive rodent
28 Word with "eye" or "final"
30 They may get in your hair
31 Braga of "The Milagro Beanfield War"
34 State along the Rio Grande
35 Coastal Alaskan city
37 It can be found behind the crease

38 Scottish isle
39 Eighty-six
42 View from Aberdeen
45 Swill opposite
47 Like four Sandy Koufax games
49 Group of seals
52 Brazilian rainforest
53 Epic featuring the Catalogue of Ships
54 Every song has one
55 One reply to "Who

did this?"
57 First name in cosmetics
60 Singer Stefani
61 Lean but strong
62 Car's steering option
63 "____ any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:9)
64 Jacob's brother
66 Underwater shocker

Yesterday's Solution

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